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惨劇に隠された真相を描く「ひぐらしのなく頃に解」シリーズ。その中でも最大の転回点となる「罪滅し編」が、ここにスタート!!

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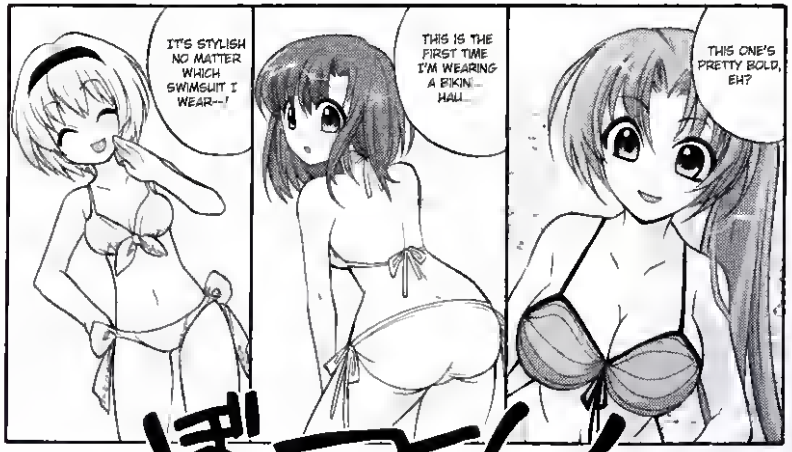

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THE FIRST TIME, I THOUGHT, DEFINITELY THIS TIME.
AT THE TRAGEDY THAT I WASN'T ABLE TO AVOID.

THE SECOND TIME, I WAS SHOCKED AND THOUGHT,
ONCE AGAIN?
AT THE TRAGEDY THAT I WASN'T ABLE TO AVOID.
EVEN THOUGH IT'S STILL JUNE, IT'S GOTTEN HOT...

RIKA
.....
JUST LIKE ALWAYS THIS YEAR WILL HAVE ABNORMAL WEATHER AS WELL, HUH...
THE THIRD TIME, THE SHOCK PASSES AND IT BECOMES PAIN.
IF YOU COUNT THE SEVENTH TIME, IT GRADUALLY BECOMES A COMEDY.
FREDERICA BERNKASTEL

CHAPTER 1: HAPPY RENA
I WONDER HOW MANY MORE TIMES
I'LL HEAR THE CICADAS' CRYING VOICES THIS YEAR?

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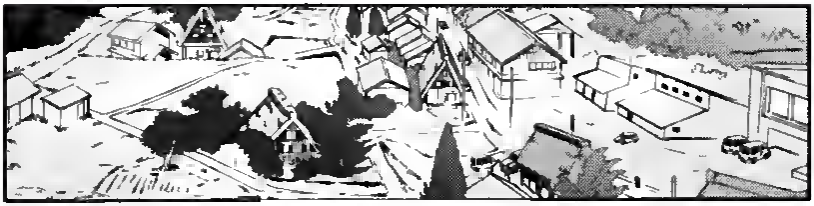

HINAMIZAWA

ONCE MORE

ばっ!
YOU CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THE MOTIVE FOR TODAY, RIGHT!?
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SFX:OOOH!
TODAY, CLASS WILL BE COMPLETELY CLUB ACTIVITES.
LOOKING FORWARD TO IT, RIGHT RIGHT?
A WATER GUN BATTLE IN GYM WITH EVERYONE IN CLASS!!
AS ONE WOULD EXPECT FROM HINAMIZAWA!

I'M KEIICHI MAEBARA.
IT'S BEEN TWO WEEKS SINCE I'VE MOVED TO THIS SMALL VILLAGE OF HINAMIZAWA.
チョポ
BEAUTIFUL SCENARY
WONDERFUL AIR
BACK IN THE CITY, I SPENT ALL MY DAYS STUDYING,
BUT IT'S DIFFERENT HERE!!
HEY, HEY, LET'S PLAY CAREFULLY!
AND FUN FRIENDS ...

SFX OHOHO
FOR US, THE CLUB MEMBERS,
IF YOU LOSE, A PUNISHMENT GAME SHALL BE WAITING FOR YOU!
HER NAME'S SATOKO HOUJOU.
A CHEEKY BRAT THAT LOVES MISCHIEF.
Mil...
TODAY'S PUNISHMENT WILL BE EMBARRASSING AS WELL.
THIS CHILD IS RIKA FURUDE-CHAN,
A QUIET, BUT LEVEL-HEADED GIRL.
SFX: Mi---... Mi---
RECENTLY, KEI-CHAN AND RENA HAVE BEEN FREQUENT VICTIMS OF THE PUNISHMENT GAME, RIGHT?
MION SONOZAKI
THE PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB, WHO'S STRONG-WILLED AND HAS A WILD PERSONALITY.
SFX: KUKKUKKU!

SFX: KUKKUKKU...
クックック...
PREVIOUSLY, THE APPEARANCE OF HESE TWO
WERE QUITE A SIGHT, WEREN'T THEY?
M---
DAMN--- YOU MADE ME REMEMBER SOMETHING UNPLEASANT...
THIS FIVE MEMBER CLUB PLAYS GAMES AND COMPETES TOGETHER.
AND THERE'S A CRUEL PUNISHMENT GAME WAITING FOR THE LOSER...!!
+CAT EARS
+DOG EARS
+CHOKER
+MINI-SKIRTED MAID OUTFIT
HAU... IF IT'S THAT OUTFIT AGAIN,
THEN RENA CAN'T BECOME A BRIDE...
OHO HOHO HOHO!
BOTH ASPIRATION AND FORTUNE HAVE SOMETHING CALLED A BIAS, YOU KNOW...
SFX: OHOHOHOHOHO

HERE, FOR THE TIME BEING, RENA-SAN AND KEIICHI-SAN
ARE CONSIDERED LOSERS---!
HUMILIATION OF THE LOSERS
GLORY OF THE WINNER
WHY, THERE ARE CERTAINLY THOSE WHO ALWAYS LOSE.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY TRY.
SFX: FU
EVERYTHING ALWAYS BACKFIRES FOR YOU, EH?
UGGGH ...!!
KEIICHI, RENA, "FIGHT OH-!"
UUUU ...
SFX: HAU...

SFX: GRRRRR.
YOU BASTARDS~ HOW DARE YOU SPEAK SO FREELY..!!
WELL THEN, LET'S START OUR CLUB ACTIVITIES!
DISPERSE IN ACCORDANCE TO THE PLACE DECIDED BY THE LOTTERY~!
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グ!..

SFX: GO GO

ぽっん...

WE SHALL RUN AS FAR AS POSSIBLE?!
ワー!
IT'S EMBARRASSING IF YOU LOSE FIRST, YOU KNOW?
SFX: WOW-!

IT FEELS LIKE IT'LL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO WIN...
WHEN THEY SAY IT LIKE THAT,
HAU...

SHE'S THE ONE WITH THE MOST SENSE OUT OF OUR GROUP OF FRIENDS.
HER NAME'S RENA RYUUGUU.
SHE OFTEN HAS A HARD TIME IN THESE GAMES AS WELL.
HAU..

HEY, REN...
SUCH A DEPRESSED LOOK DOESN'T FIT RENA...
IF THEY'VE SAID THAT MUCH, THEN WE CAN'T LOSE!

KEIICHI -KUN...
THIS IS A MATTER OF PRIDE.

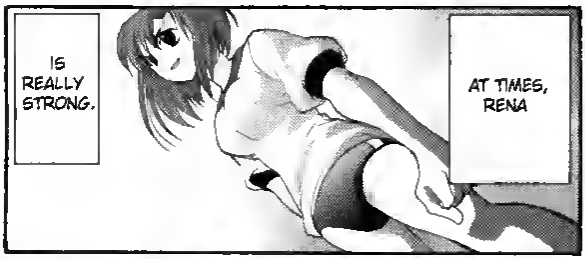
.....

..
YES THAT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT
..

LET'S TRIUMPH OVER THEM.
LET'S GO WIN!!

UNDERSTOOD, KEIICHI-KUN.
TODAY, I WON'T HOLD BACK.

SHE HAS A GOOD EXPRESSION ON NOW.


AT TIMES, RENA
IS REALLY STRONG.

AND...
NOW IS "ONE OF THOSE TIMES".

SHE'S USUALLY FLUSTERED AND SEEMS UNRELIABLE, BUT
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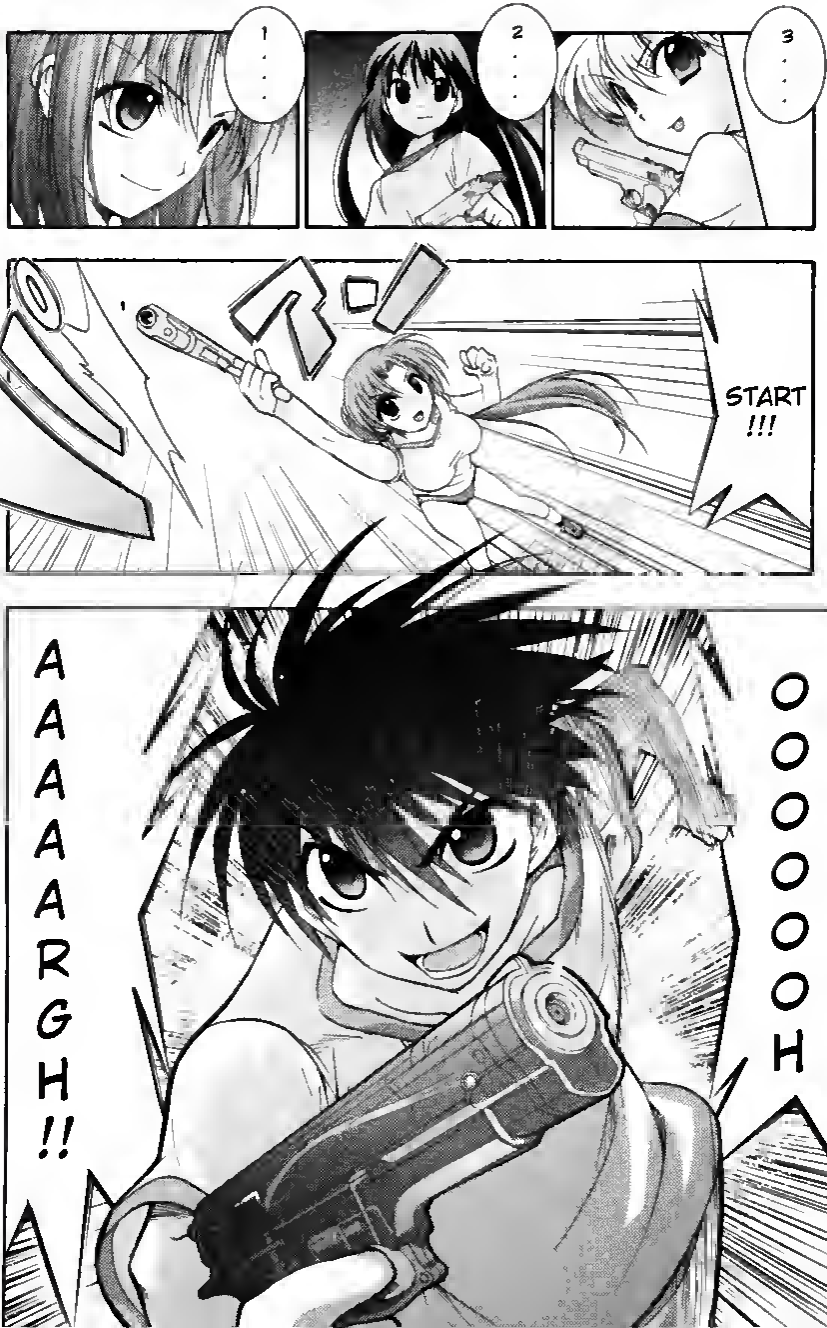
SFX HALI HALI

ALL RIGHT...
THEN I'LL HAVE TO GIVE MY MAX AS WELL!
LET'S HAVE A GOOD MATCH!
YOU'LL REGRET MAKING ME AND RENA SERIOUS ...!!
MION AND SATOKO ...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START !!!
AAAAARGH!!
OOOOOOH

Hll...
パパパパパ
パパパ!
I AM NOT GOING TO GO EASY ON YOU JUST BECAUSE YOU GUYS ARE YOUNGER!
CURSE THE FACT THAT YOUR STARTING POINT WAS RIGHT NEXT TO MINE!
AMAZING... HE TOTALLY ANNIHILATED THIS AREA IN SUCH A SHORT TIME
MABBARA-SAN ISN'T COMPETING AS HE USUALLY DOES.

!
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF HANDS SHE'LL USE TODAY...
THE ONE IN THE SCHOOLYARD IS MION
WH...
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT...!
LOOK OUT, LOOK OUT! SO YOU'VE FINALLY SHOWN YOURSELF!
AHA HAHA HAHA HAHA HAHA HAHA !!!
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THERE'S NO COMPETITION, HUH?
HUH? EVERYONE'S ALREADY WORN OUT?
USING THAT MACHINE GUN IS CONSIDERED FOUL PLAY!
THAT'S DIRTY, MION!
EVERY-ONE WAS TAKEN OUT IN ONE HIT....
IT'S USE-LESS... I CAN'T WIN THIS...!
YOU'VE GOTTEN TO THE OTHERS QUICKER THAN I THOUGHT.
AH, KEI-CHAN...
IN THE RULES, THERE ARE NO REGULATIONS CONCERNING WEAPONS.
BUT YOU'RE MUCH TOO NAIVE!

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT KIND OF WATER GUN YOU USE...
UWAH !!
IT'S FINE AS LONG AS YOU CAN HIT THE OPPONENT WITH WATER!
UGH ...!
NOW SHOW YOURSELF AND COME OVER HERE, KEI-CHAN
WORKING AROUND THE RULES IN ORDER TO WIN IS ONE OF THE CLUB'S CUSTOMS.
SUCH POWER ...!!

THE RANGE OF THIS WEAPON IS MUCH TOO DIFFERENT THAN HER MACHINE GUN'S.
JUST WHEN I GOT CLOSER, IT BECAME A HUGE OBSTACLE...
THINK, KEIICHI MAEBARA...
HOW CAN I WIN...!?
IT'S FINE AS LONG AS YOU CAN HIT THE OPPONENT WITH WATER!
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I SEE ...!!
HEH, EXCELLENT...
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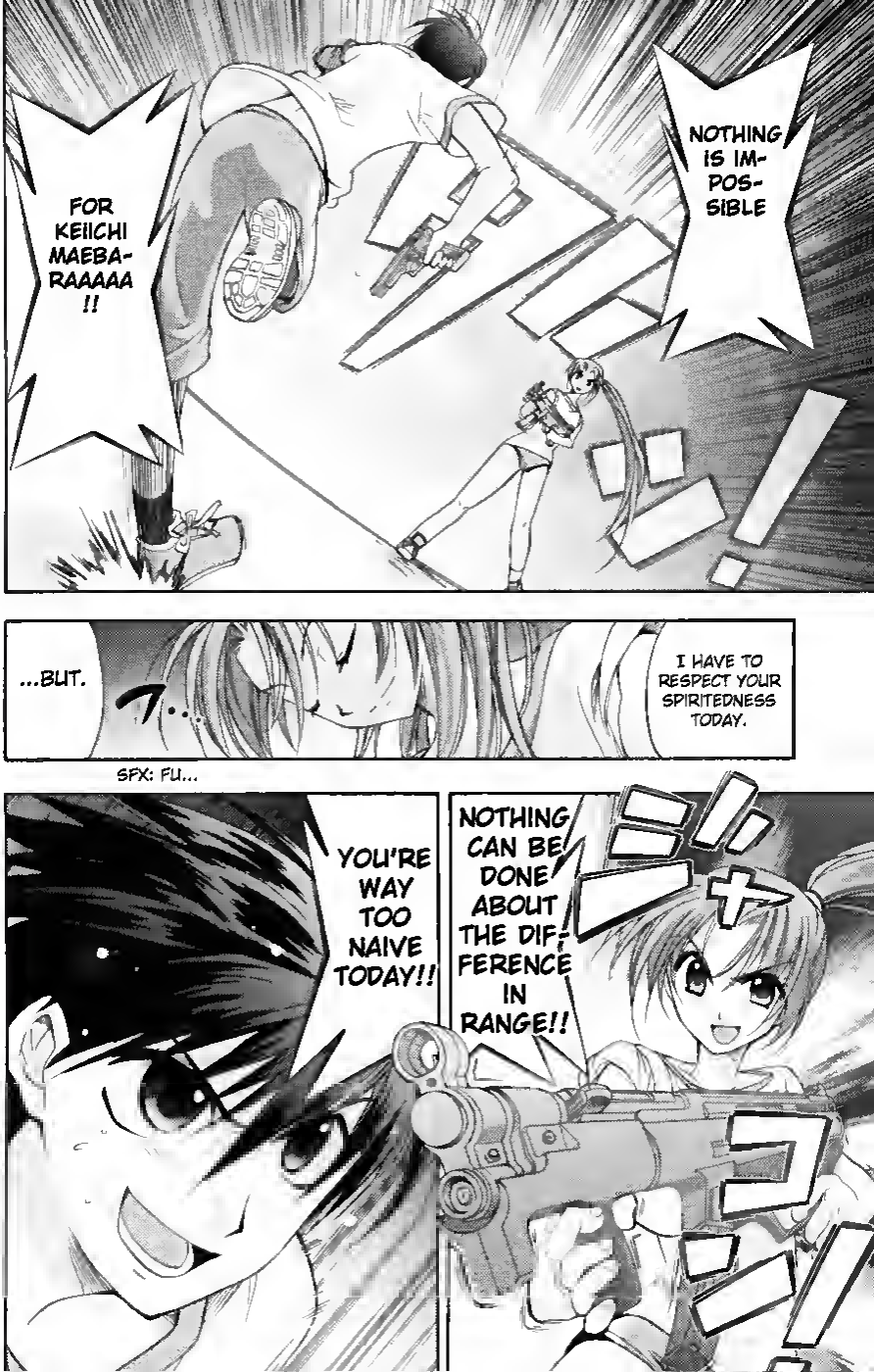
FOR KEIICHI MAEBA-RAAAAA !!
NOTHING IS IM-POS-SIBLE
...BUT.
I HAVE TO RESPECT YOUR SPIRITEDNESS TODAY.
SFX: FU...
YOU'RE WAY TOO NAIVE TODAY!!
NOTHING CAN BE DONE ABOUT THE DIF-FERENCE IN RANGE!!
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ゴン!

TAKE THIS!!
YOU THREW YOUR GUN!?
WH...
THEN IT'S FINE IF I MAKE IT REACH!!
IF THE WATER WON'T REACH,
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE NAIVE!
YOU MAKE MISTAKES WHEN YOU'RE DESPERATE, KEI-CHAN.

CRAP!
TH... THE COVER IS OFF!?
IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE!!
THERE'S NO NEED TO SHOOT OUT THE WATER.
EVEN IF THE WATER TOUCHES YOU, YOU'RE OUT...
I THREW THE WATER GUN AT YOUR FEET.
FROM OUTSIDE YOUR RANGE
THE WATER THAT FLIES OUT
ハハハ

KYAAH!!
WILL HIT -YOU-!
I'VE CHANGED MY OPINION OF YOU...
MAKING UP FOR THE DIFFERENCE IN RANGE BY SUCH MEANS...
SH... SHE LOST...

... WITH THIS, THERE'S ONE MORE PERSON.
ONE? RENA AND SATOKO ARE STILL ...
NO.
THERE'S JUST ONE MORE PERSON.
SATOKO...?
SA...

I HAVE LOST...
I...
RENA ...!!
HEH... JUST AS ONE WOULD EXPECT FROM YOU, RENA.
EVEN THOUGH SATOKO COLLAPSED
YOUR BREATHING HASN'T GONE UP IN THE SLIGHTEST, HUH?
THE SAME GOES FOR KEIICHI-KUN
IT'S AMAZING HOW YOU GOT MII-CHAN IN ONE TRY...

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HAS BEGUN ...!!
THE LAST BATTLE

UNEX-
PECTEDLY,
YOU MOVE
VERY
WELL!!
I HAVE A
BETTER
OPINION
OF YOU
NOW,
RENA.
THE SAME
GOES FOR
KEIICHI-
KUN. YOU
MOVE
SKILL-
FULLY!!

I'M BEGINNING TO TREMBLE JUST FROM WATCHING!
JUST AS I THOUGHT, WHEN RENA IS SERIOUS, SHE'S SKILLED...

AMAZ-ING...
BOTH OF THEM ARE COOL...

I CAN'T PREDICT WHO WILL WIN AT ALL.
TO FIGHT ON PAR WITH RENA-SAN,
KEIICHI-SAN IS ALSO QUITE SKILLFUL...!

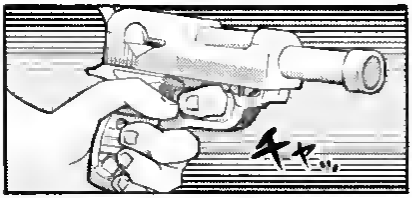
RENA'S QUITE STRONG...
IT'S KINDA...
KINDA
FUN, RIGHT...
BACK IN THE CITY,
I'D NEVER PLAYED WITH MY FRIENDS THIS SERIOUSLY.

AND...
BLUE SKY. WHITE CLOUDS.
THE BEST FRIENDS EVER!!

I WANT IT TO ALWAYS BE LIKE THIS...
RYUU-GUU-SAN, STAY FIRMMM!
MAEBA-RA-SAN, GOOD LUCKKK!
SO THIS IS THE END.
—WE EACH HAVE JUST ENOUGH FOR ONE MORE SQUIRT OF WATER, DON'T WE?
ナナ…

... IT WAS REALLY FUN.
SO FAR, THIS HAS BEEN THE BEST CLUB MEETING EVER.

IT'S THE SAME FOR ME, RENA...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GAME
SET!!

SFX. RIIIIING! RIIIIING!

WE'RE OUT OF TIME.
MI!... THE END OF CLASS.

THAT'S...
WH...

ス...
THIS MATCH
... IT'S UNFORTUNATE, BUT THIS WILL BE ALL FOR TODAY.
HMM...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT THE RESULT...!?
THIS FIGHT WILL CARRY OVER!!
WILL COUNT AS A DRAW TOWARDS THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY!
OH?
... IF YOU SAY SO...
IT... IT'S UNFORTUNATE, BUT... LET'S LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT TIME...
CAN THAT... HAPPEN...?
ガックリ...
...EH?
RENA, YOU HAVE A WOUND ON YOUR ELBOW.

SOMETHING LIKE THAT WILL HEAL WITH SPIT
NO, IF YOU DON'T CARE FOR IT PROPERLY, IT'LL BE BAD.

I-IT'S ALL RIGHT IT'S JUST A SCRATCH.
IF YOU LEAVE SOMETHING LIKE THIS ALONE, IT'LL BE DANGEROUS

HAHA? IT'S DIFFERENT FOR A WELL-RAISED BOY FROM THE CITY, HUH?
WH-WHAT!? DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME!
KE!!CHI.

OHH. JUST AS EXPECTED FROM RIKA-CHAN! WHAT A LADY!
COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM SATOKO!
WHY MUST YOU MENTION ME THEREEE!

I WAS WONDERING WHETHER WE HAD SOMETHING LIKE THAT
AND APPARENTLY THERE WAS A FIRST-AID KIT PREPARED
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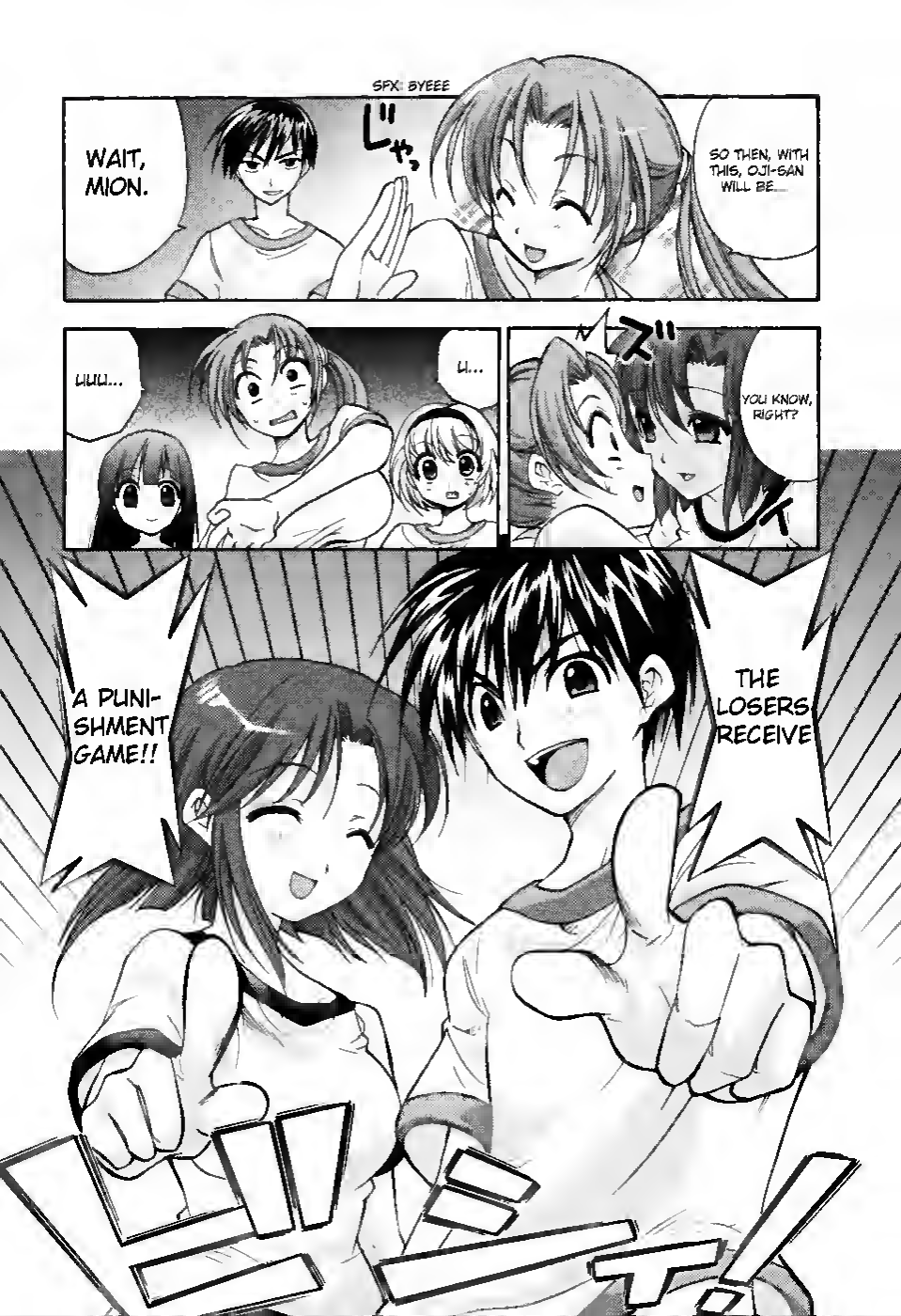
ぺた。
LOOK.

I ALSO APPLIED SOME DISINFECTANT, SO IT'S GOOD NOW.
IT'LL HEAL UP BEFORE THE NEXT CLUB MEETING.

O-OKAY ...
TH-THANK YOU, KE!!CHI-KUN...
YUP YUP, IT'S GREAT TO BE YOUNG.


SFX: BYEEE
じゃ
WAIT, MION.
SO THEN, WITH THIS, OJI-SAN WILL BE...
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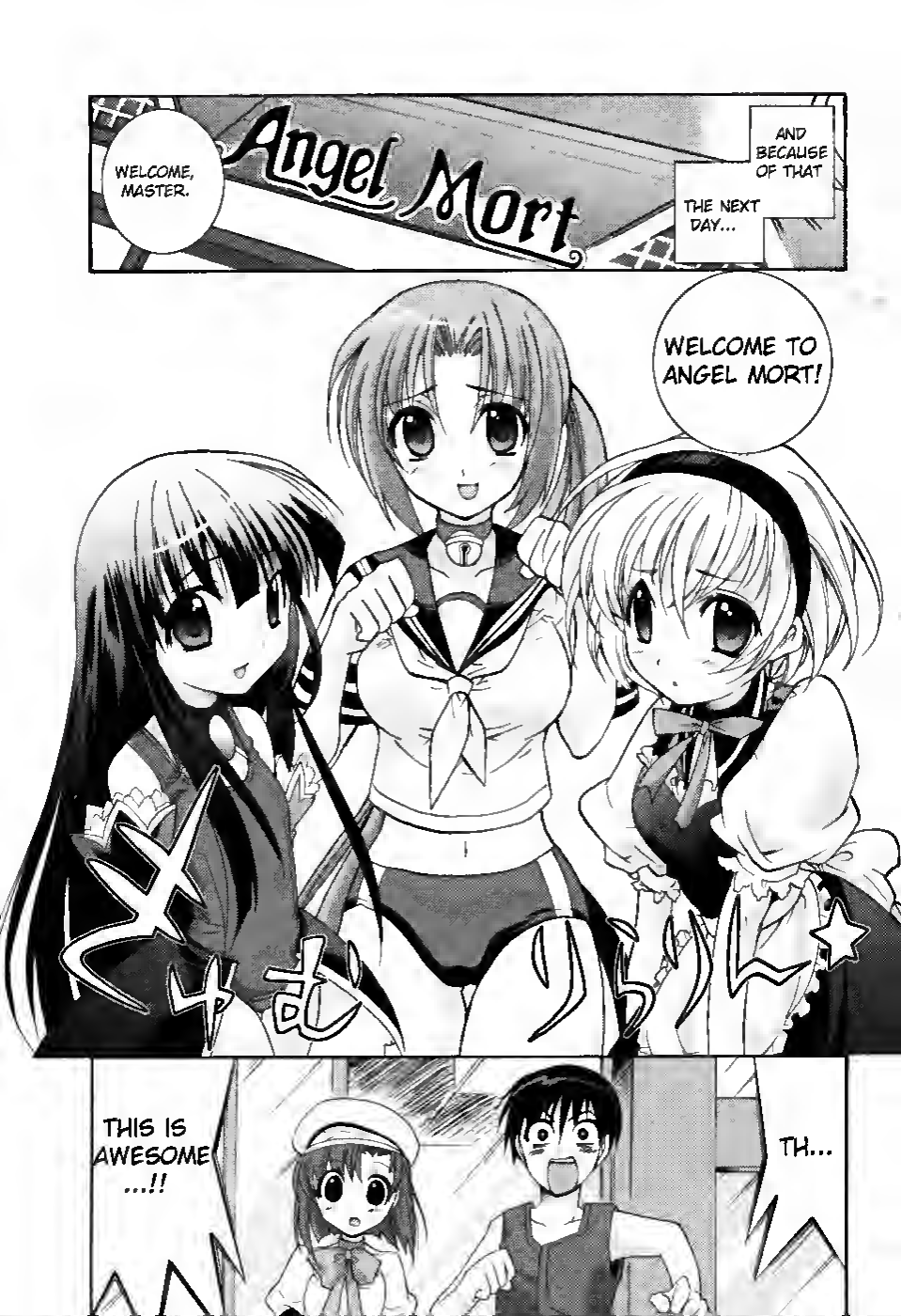
YOU KNOW, RIGHT?
A PUNI-SHMENT GAME!!
THE LOSERS RECEIVE
ビシィィィ!


Angel Mort
WELCOME, MASTER.
AND BECAUSE OF THAT
THE NEXT DAY...
WELCOME TO ANGEL MORT!
THIS IS AWESOME ...!!
TH...

MION HAS THE STRONGEST COMBO: A SAILOR UNIFORM AS A TOP AND BURUMA AS THE BOTTOM!!
ぽん!
LUL, THIS IS AWKWARD.
RIKA-CHAN IS WEARING A SCHOOL SWIMSUIT + THE ANGEL MORT UNIFORMMM!!
MII... IT'S EMBARASSING WHEN YOU STARE...
ぺろん!
THIS KIND OF CLOTHING IS TOO MUCH...!
SATOKO'SAN ORTHODOX MAID-SAN!
ぎゅ!

SFX: OHHH
WELL DONE, KEIICHI MAEBARA! I'M MOVED!!
I'VE... CREATED A MAGNIFICENT HEAVEN!!
A-ALL THREE OF YOU ARE SO KYUUTE
...UH, HUH..
THIS IS ALSO BECAUSE WE DID OUR BEST YESTERDAY!!
RENA!
EVERYONE, EVERYONE, I W-WAN...
HAU!
HAU!
CRAP, SO SUDDENLY ...?
SFX: WOOOW
I WANNA BRING EVERYONE HOMEEEEE !!!

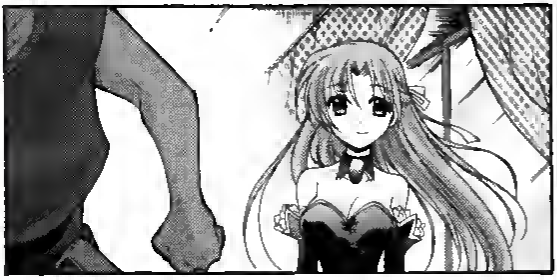
SFX. HAU-----
AND WILL SUDDENLY GO ON A RAMPAGE.
RENA HAS A WEAKNESS FOR THINGS THAT ARE "KYUULITE"
SFX. SIGH
IF YOU HAVE TIME TO SIGH,
THEN, PLEASE, STOP RENA-SAN.
GEEZ THE LINGERING MEMORY OF YESTERDAY HAS BEEN SPOILED...
WHA,
SHION!?
HAROROOON! HOW ARE YOU, KEI-CHAN?

SHE'S WORKING PART-TIME AT THIS RESTAURANT, ANGEL MORT.
THIS IS SHION SONOZAKI, MION'S TWIN SISTER.

IF KEI-CHAN GOES TO RENA
IT'S ALL RIGHT.

WHEN RENA ENTERS HER "KYUUUTE" MODE, SHE'S INVINCIBLE
IT'S TOO BAD FOR THIS STORE, BUT WHEN RENA GETS LIKE THAT, NO ONE CAN STOP HER.

SFX: RENA...
WHA ...!?
AND WHISPERS SWEETLY IN HER EAR, THEN IT'LL DEFINITELY WORK.
SFX: KE... KEIICHI-KUN



... EVEN IF YOU DO THAT... REALLY ...

EVERYONE
IS SUCH GOOD FRIENDS WITH EACH OTHER.
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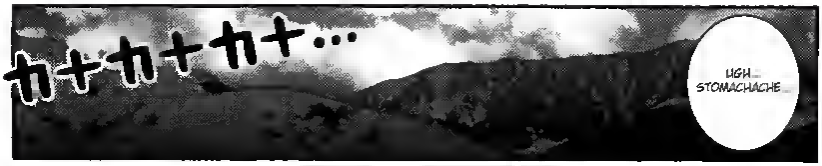
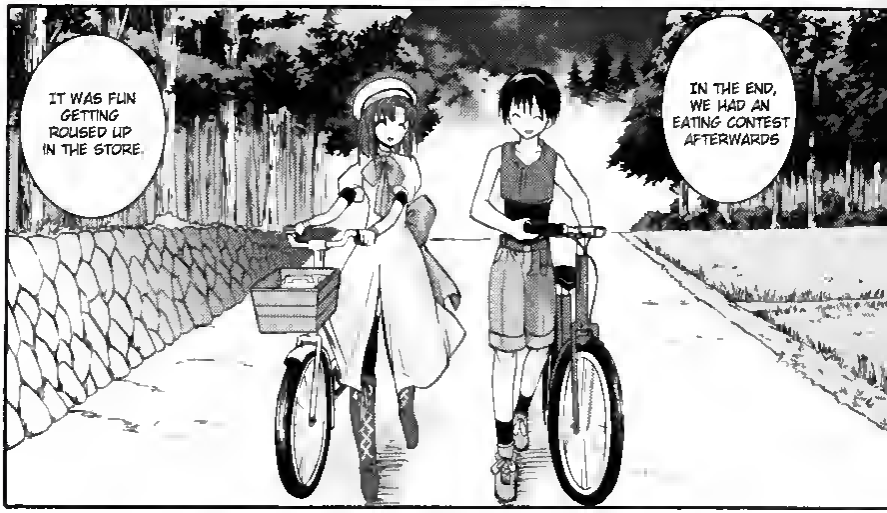
カナカナカナ…

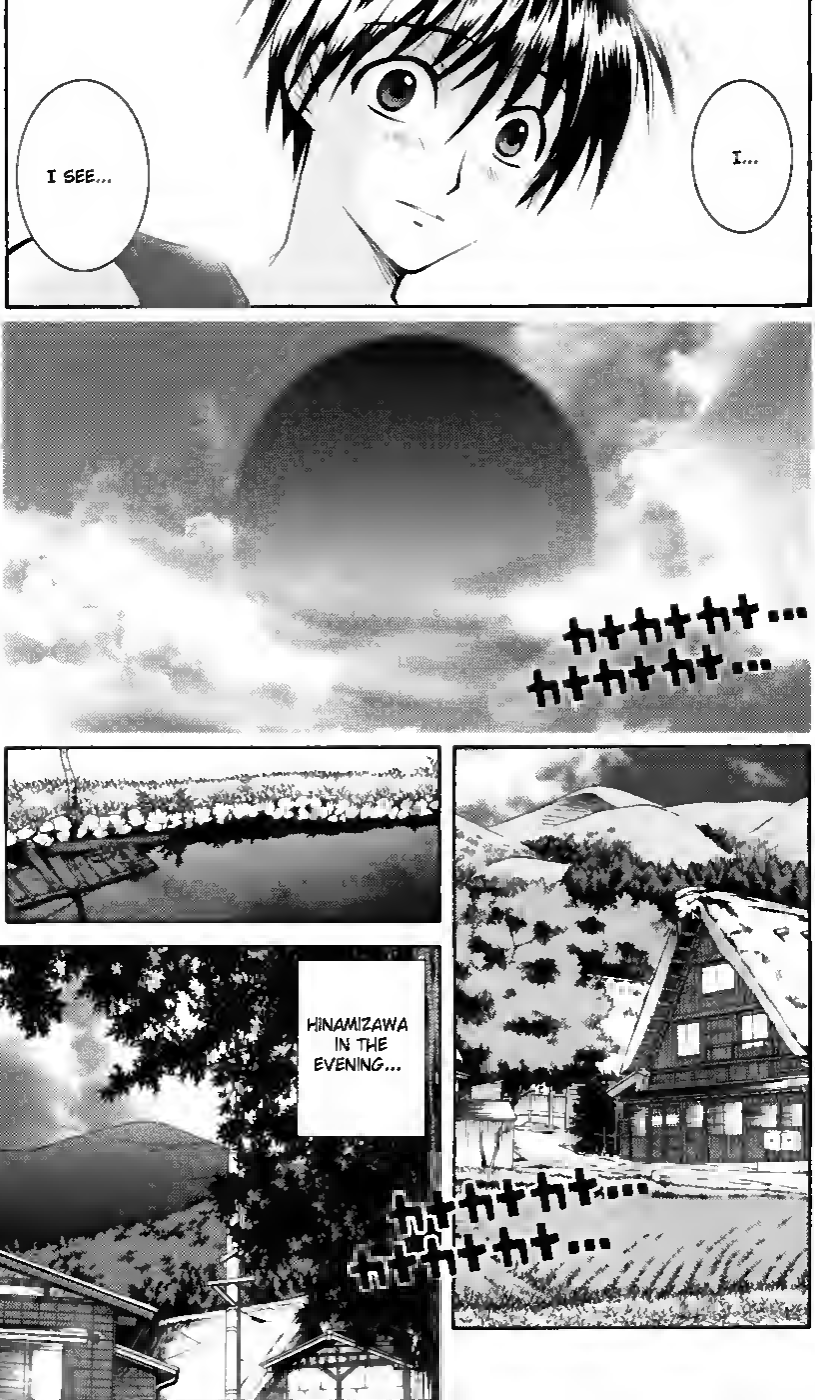

カ+カ+カ+…
UGH... STOMACHACHE...


IT WAS FUN GETTING ROUSED UP IN THE STORE.
IN THE END, WE HAD AN EATING CONTEST AFTERWARDS

YOU STILL HAVE THAT BAND-AID ON?
...HUH?

YES. RENA STILL FEELS EXCITED EVEN NOW ..
THIS WHOLE DAY WAS REALLY FUN ...

I THOUGHT I'D KEEP IT ON A LITTLE LONGER...
Y-YEAH ...


I SEE...
I...
カナカナカナ...
カナカナカナ...
HINAMIZAWA IN THE EVENING...
カナカナカナ...
カナカナカナ...

THEY SEEM LIKE THEY'RE IN A REALLY HAPPY MOOD ...
YOU CAN HEAR THE GENTLE CRIES OF THE CICADAS.
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I NEVER REALLY ENJOYED EACH PASSING DAY LIKE I AM NOW.
BEFORE I MOVED,
?
...HEY, RENA.

KEIICHI -KUN...
I THINK I'VE BECOME HAPPIER.
EVER SINCE I MOVED TO HINAMIZAWA,

BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW FUN THESE DAYS HAVE BEEN!
RENA FEELS THE SAME
I MOVED TO HINAMIZAWA ONE YEAR AGO AS WELL

I SEE
I ALWAYS HAD SO MUCH FUN AT SCHOOL THIS ENTIRE YEAR!
IT'S GREAT THAT I CAME TO HINAMIZAWA!
YEAH
AH... SO YOU WERE A TRANSFER STUDENT HUH?

.....
HA...
WHAT'S WRONG.....?
THEN
YOU MUST BE HAPPY AS WELL, RIGHT?

THAT'S RIGHT.
RENA IS HAPPY.
.....
AHH ...

RENA IS SHOWING AN EXTRAORDINARY SMILE
BUT, I WONDER WHY...
I THOUGHT THAT
FOR A MOMENT,
THAT SMILE SEEMED LONELY ...

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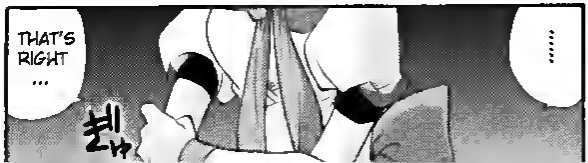
カナカナカナ…

YOU MUST BE
HAPPY AS WELL, RIGHT?

KEIICHI-KUN WAVED HIS HAND RELUCTANTLY MANY TIMES OVER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THAT'S RIGHT …

I'M A HAPPY GIRL.
JUST AS KEIICHI-KUN SAID,
MII-CHAN ALWAYS THINKS UP FUN THINGS TO DO, ONE AFTER THE OTHER.
SATOKO-CHAN'S AT A MISCHIEVOUS STAGE OF HER LIFE.
RIKA-CHAN IS CUNNING, BUT YOU CAN'T HATE HER.
I'VE REALLY BECOME HAPPY.
I, RENA RYUUGUU, RETURNED TO HINAMIZAWA ONE YEAR AGO.
TO HAVE MET SUCH WONDERFUL FRIENDS, IT'S LIKE A DREAM.
AND KEIICHI-KUN IS REALLY INTERESTING.

NO, THE OUTCOME DOESN'T MATTER.
I WONDER IF I'LL WIN THE NEXT TIME WE FIGHT
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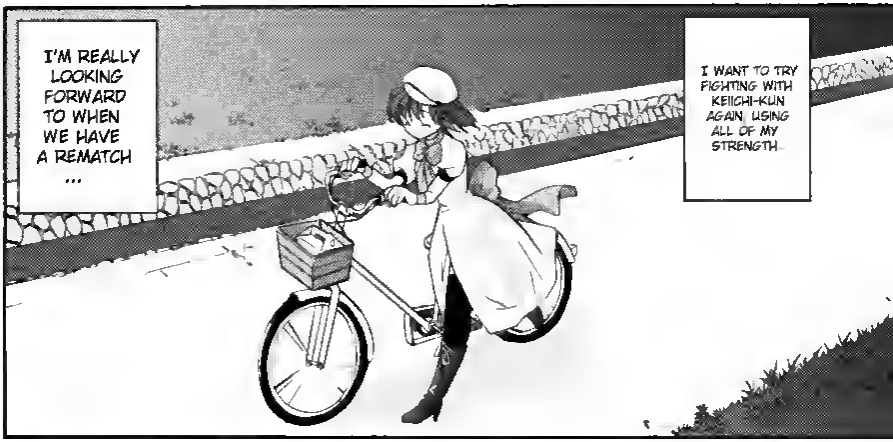
EVEN THOUGH WE RAN OUT OF TIME, IT WAS VERY DEAR TO ME
YESTERDAY'S CLUB ACTIVITY WAS FUN...


I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO WHEN WE HAVE A REMATCH ...
I WANT TO TRY FIGHTING WITH KEIICHI-KUN AGAIN, USING ALL OF MY STRENGTH

AREN'T YOU LATE, REINA?

AHAHA, SORRY.
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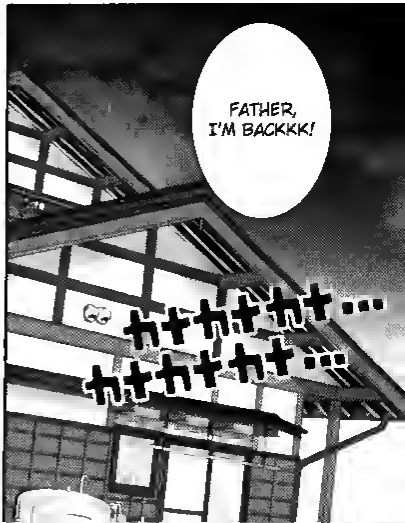
FATHER, I'M BACKKK!
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OHH, YOU WENT ALL THE WAY TO THE NEXT TOWN!?
I DID SOMETHING REALLY FUN AT OKINOMIYA TODAY.
LOOK, CAKE!
I BOUGHT SOUVENIRS FOR YOU AS WELL!
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BECAUSE THIS WHOLE DAY WAS REALLY LOVELY-----
I'M SHARING MY HAPPINESS WITH FATHER.
I'LL PREPARE THE DISHES NOW, OKAY!?
WHY... ISN'T THE SHORTCAKE THAT I LIKE?

AH
REINA-CHAN, WELCOME HOOOME!
EHEH ♡
RI...RINA. PLEASE, DRESS MORE DECENTLY.
...GOOD EVENING, RINA-SAN.
... I'M HAPPY...
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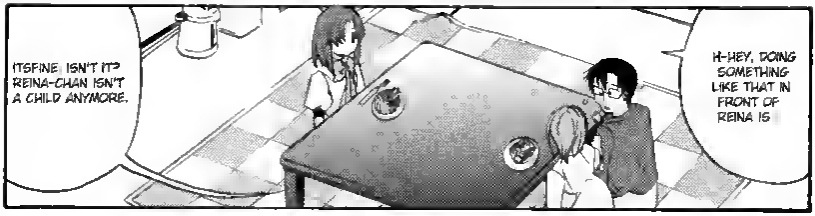
...YES, EVEN IF
FATHER COMES HOME
WITH HIS LOVER EVERYDAY .....

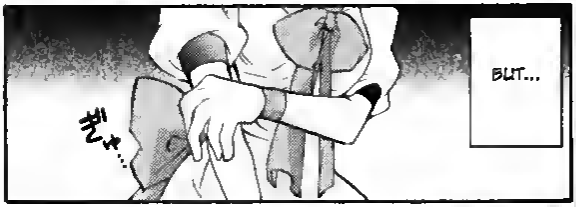
HEREE, SAY 'AHHH'!
AHHH~


ITSFINE. ISN'T IT? REINA-CHAN ISN'T A CHILD ANYMORE.
H-HEY, DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT IN FRONT OF REINA IS

...FATHER... LOOKS LIKE HE'S TRULY HAVING FUN WHEN HE'S WITH RINA...
H-HEY!
WON'T IT BE TASTIER IF THE TWO OF US EAT LIKE THIS?

THIS PERSON IS RINA MAMIYA-SAN.
SHE'S THE GIRL THAT FATHER IS SEEING RIGHT NOW.

FATHER DIVORCED MOTHER MANY YEARS AGO.
THAT'S WHY FATHER ISN'T REALLY HAVING AN AFFAIR OR ANYTHING.


BUT...

RATHER, I SHOULD BE BLESSING THE FACT THAT
FATHER FOUND A NEW LOVE

EVER SINCE STARTING RINA-SAN COMING TO OUR HOUSE,

I GRADUALLY FEEL LIKE
I DON'T HAVE A PLACE HERE ANYMORE.

ARE YOU NOT EATING YOUR CAKE?
EH, REINA-CHAN?
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SFX: AHH

HAU!
I LOVE CAKE!
AH... NO... ITADAKIMASU!
EHEHE ...
HAU? YOU'RE AN INTERESTING GIRL...
REINA -CHAN
I HAVE TO SUPPORT FATHER'S LOVE.
TO THINK THAT I DON'T HAVE A PLACE HERE.
NO, IT'S BAD
WELL, LOOK
...EH?
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR ARM?

YOU'VE BEEN SCRATCHING AT IT FOR A WHILE
IF YOU SCRATCH A WOUND, GERMS WILL ENTER, YOU KNOW.
YOU REALLY ARE AN INTERESTING GIRL
OKAY, I'LL BE CAREFUL
AH...
JUST WHEN DID I...
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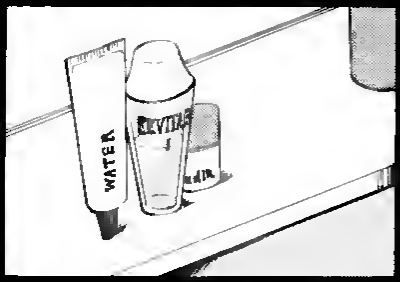
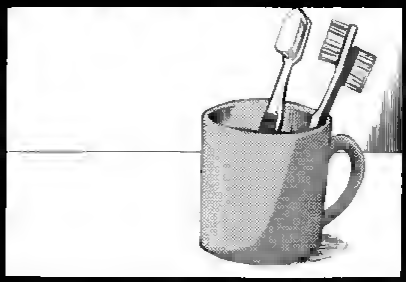
RINA-SAN WORKS IN THE NIGHT INDUSTRY.
HER MAKEUP IS GAUDY AND HER SPEECH IS ROUGH.
AFTER FATHER DIVORCED MOTHER,
HE WAS ALWAYS LAZING AROUND THE HOUSE.
BUT...
HONESTLY, SHE'S THE TYPE I'M BAD WITH.
BUT RINA-SAN MADE HIM VIGOROUS IN NO TIME.
THAT'S WHY,
I HAVE TO BE GRATEFUL TO RINA-SAN.

JUST WHEN DID RINA-SAN START LEAVING HER TOOTHBRUSH HERE?





JUST WHEN DID RINA-SAN START LEAVING HER TOILETRIES HERE?

WHEN RINA-SAN IS OVER, I DON'T FEEL LIKE STAYING HERE...
IS RINA-SAN GOING TO STAY OVER TODAY...?
THIS WOUND... ITCHES...
YES. I'M GOING TREASURE HUNTING.
REINA-CHAN, YOU'RE HEADING OUT AT SUCH AN HOUR?
...AHH.
TREASURE ?
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カナカナカナ…

YOU MEAN ...
ALL THAT JUNK YOU LEFT IN THE GARDEN?

IF YOU COME BACK TOO LATE, THEN YOUR FATHER WILL BE WORRIED.
YOU REALLY ARE A STRANGE KID
YES, I'M HEADING OUTTT!

TO RENA, IT'S A MOUNTAIN OF TREASUREEE
HAU... HOW CRUEL ..

CALL HERSELF RENA..?
WHY DOES REINA-CHAN

NEVERTHELESS

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WHAT AM I DOING AT SUCH AN HOUR...

TODAY ...
WAS A FUN DAY THAT I SPENT PLAYING AROUND WITH KEIICHI-KUN AND THE OTHERS.
I CAN'T FEEL SO DOWN...

I DON'T WANT THEM TO FUSS ABOUT ME NEEDLESSLY
I HAVEN'T TOLD KEIICHI-KUN AND MII-CHAN AND THE REST ABOUT MY FAMILY SITUATION
WHEN I COMPARE SOMETHING OF THIS DEGREE TO MY HARDSHIPS FROM THE PAST, IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL AT ALL
THAT'S RIGHT I'M A HAPPY PERSON
YOU MUST BE HAPPY AS WELL, RIGHT?
RENA RYUUGUU, A HAPPY PERSON.
I AM.
I HAVE TO GET ALONG WITH RINA-SAN AS WELL...
SO I HAVE TO SUPPORT FATHER'S LOVE.

EVEN THOUGH KEICHI-KUN TOOK THE TIME TO TREAT ME
I WONDER WHY THIS WOUND IS THIS ITCHY?
AT ANY RATE
UU... ITCHY
ITCHY ITCHY
ITCHY... IT'S ITCHY!
ITCHY ITCHY ITCHY ITCHY
ITCHY ITCHY ITCHY ITCHY
SFX: HAA, HAA, HAA.

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WHAT JUST ...
...WHAT WAS THAT ...

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…NO
…THERE'S
NO WAY…

MAGGOTS
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WHY
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THAT'S
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IT'S A LIE, IT'S A LIE!
THERE AREN'T ANY MAGGOTS!!
THERE'S NO WAY THERE'D BE ANYYY!!
THERE AREN'T ANY MAGGOTS ON MY BODY ...
ALL THOSE MAGGOTS...
BECAUSE...

OYASHIRO -SAMA
MADE THEM DISAPPEAR FOR ME...
To
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… THERE AREN'T ANY…
AH…
AH!

OYASHIRO-SAMA'S CURSE HAS ALREADY ENDED ...
I'VE BECOME HAPPY...
RIGHT,
OYASHIRO -SAMA...?

XXYEARS AGO. HINAMIZAWA-
HERE IS THE LAST OF YOUR LUGGAGE.
REINA, LET'S GO!
I'VE LIVED IN HINAMIZAWA FOR NEARLY 7 YEARS
WE HAD TO MOVE BECAUSE OF MY MOTHER'S JOB, WHICH MADE ME VERY LONELY
BUT I BELIEVED THAT THESE HAPPY DAYS WOULD CONTINUE, EVEN IN IBARAKI PREFECTURE.
I HAD YET TO REALIZE ...

CHAPTER 2: WARPED WORLD

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WARPED WORLD

FATHER, LOOK, LOOK!
THE TAMAGOYAKI CAME OUT REALLY WELL!
T/N: TAMAGOYAKI IS SWEET FRIED EGG
THIS IS AMAZING, REINA!
IT TASTES EXACTLY LIKE MOTHER'S!
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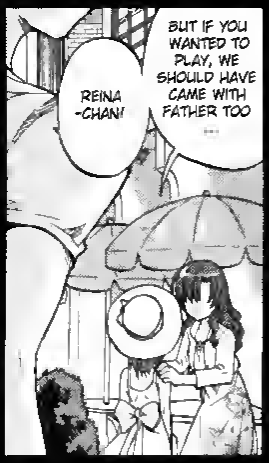
YOU'RE INCREDIBLE, REINA!
EHE HEHE!
THE HAPPY DAYS CONTINUED EVEN AFTER WE MOVED TO IBARAKI PREFECTURE.
MY FATHER WAS ALSO PLEASED AT HOW I WAS GROWING UP AND REMEMBERING TO DO CHORES
BUT CERTAIN THINGS WERE DIFFERENT FROM WHEN WE WERE LIVING IN HINAMIZAWA.

THE NUMBER OF DAYS WHEN SHE DIDN'T RETURN HOME BEGAN INCREASING
AFTER WE MOVED TO IBARAKI PREFECTURE, MY MOTHER BECAME MORE AND MORE BUSY AT WORK
REINA
SHEEP
IT'S A LIE IF I SAY THAT I WASN'T LONELY.
NEVER-THELESS
I WAS ABLE TO THINK THAT I WAS HAPPY BECAUSE MY KIND FATHER WAS BY MY SIDE.
OKAY!
THE TWO OF US SHOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF YOUR BUSY MOTHER.

WOW!
BUT ONE DAY...

I'M SORRY FOR ALWAYS BEING AWAY FROM HOME...
I DON'T KNOW IF MY BUSY MOTHER WAS TRYING TO ATONE OR NOT
BUT SHE BROUGHT ME TO THE AMUSEMENT PARK WITHOUT TELLING MY FATHER


REINA -CHAN!
BUT IF YOU WANTED TO PLAY, WE SHOULD HAVE CAME WITH FATHER TOO...

BECAUSE REINA KNOWS THAT MOTHER IS DOING HER BEST AT WORK
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT

WOULD YOU LIKE SOME ICE CREAM?
IT'S THE MOST DELICIOUS KIND IN THE PARK!
...WHO IS THIS MISTER?
REINA -CHAN
THIS PERSON IS MAMA'S FRIEND FROM WORK.
DO GET ALONG WITH AKIHITO-SAN, OKAY?
...OKAY.
GOOD AFTERNOON THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF MY MOTHER.
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OHH, REINA -CHAN IS SUCH AN INCREDIBLE KID!
FUFUFU, BECAUSE SHE'S MY DAUGHTER.
I WAS HAPPY SEEING HOW MUCH FUN MY MOTHER WAS HAVING
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BECAUSE I THOUGHT I WAS GETTING ALONG WITH AKIHITO-OJISAN
WHOM MY MOTHER CALLED "HER FRIEND".
AFTER THAT, THE THREE OF US WENT OUT TO PLAY TOGETHER MORE FREQUENTLY
AND—
REINA-CHAN YOU DON'T HAVE TO HOLD BACK.
MUNCH MUNCH
THIS IS MORE THAN I CAN EATTT!
MOTHER WILL EAT WITH YOU TOO.
IT'S ALL RIGHT IF I EAT EVERYTHING!?
WOW WOW WOWWW

REALLY!?
FROM NOW ON, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO EAT IT EVERYDAY.
YES.
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BEING ABLE TO EAT A PARFAIT LIKE THIS IS ALMOST LIKE A DREAM!
MOTHER, I LOOOOOVE YOU!
SFX: HAU!
...YOU SEE, REINA-CHAN
EH? AREN'T WE ALREADY LIVING TOGETHER?
WON'T YOU LIVE WITH ME?
SO REINA -CHAN,
IS THINKING OF SEPARATING FROM FATHER
MOTHER

HUH?
... UM ...
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...MOTHER IS THINKING OF MARRYING AKIHITO-SAN
DO YOU HATE FATHER?
WHY?
... I'M SORRY ...
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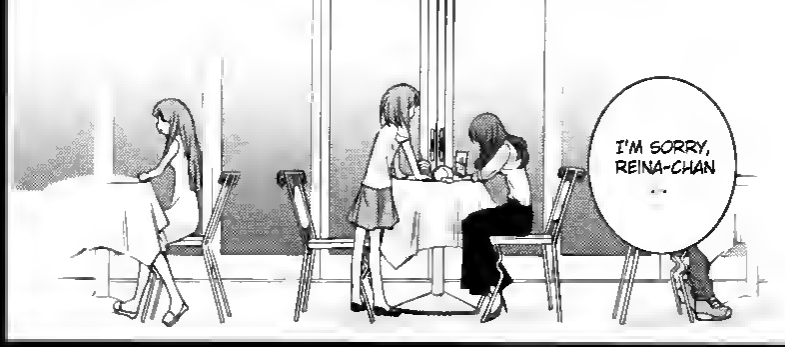
MOTHER, WHY?
WHY?



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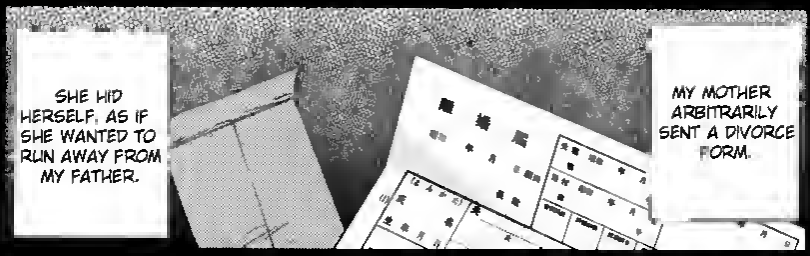

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SUCH A THING... WHY...
MY CLIENT DOES NOT WISH TO MEET WITH YOU.
WHY!? I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT THIS!
I WANT TO SPEAK WITH MY WIFE PERSONALLY!

EVEN THOUGH I TRUSTED HER ALL THIS TIME...
WHAT PART OF ME DID SHE NOT LIKE...?
THAT, I KNEW WELL.
FATHER DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG
MOTHER WAS CLEARLY HAVING AN AFFAIR.
MOTHER WAS MEETING "AKIHITO -OJISAN" IN SECRET.

I SHOULDN'T HAVE ACCEPTED AKIHITO-OJISAN.

IF I HAD RECOGNIZED AKIHITO-OJISAN AS AN "ENEMY" AND REFUSED HIM,

THEN MY MOTHER MIGHT HAD DISCONTINUED HER AFFAIR.

AFTER THAT
THE RYUUGUU FAMILY CHANGED.
ALL THAT REMAINED WAS A HOME WITHOUT MY MOTHER.
AND THE LARGE AMOUNT OF CONSOLATION MONEY FROM HER.
MY FATHER BECAME VERY IDLE AND QUIT HIS JOB.
AT HOME, THERE WERE A LOT OF THINGS THAT MOTHER LEFT BEHIND.
THEY PISSED ME OFF.
I DON'T NEED MOTHER'S BELONGINGS!
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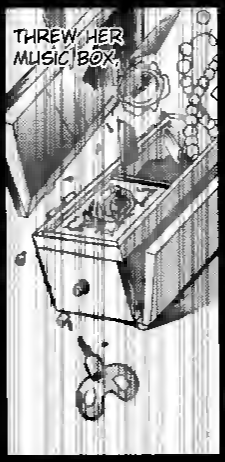
I'LL DESTROY THEM ALL!!
THAT BITCH'S BELONGINGS ...

AND BROKE HER THREE-SIDED MIRROR.


THREW HER MUSIC BOX.

I KNOCKED DOWN MY MOTHER'S DRESSER.

MOST LIKELY BECAUSE OF THOSE DOCTORS' INJECTIONS.
I DON'T HAVE ANY CLEAR RECOLLECTION OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.

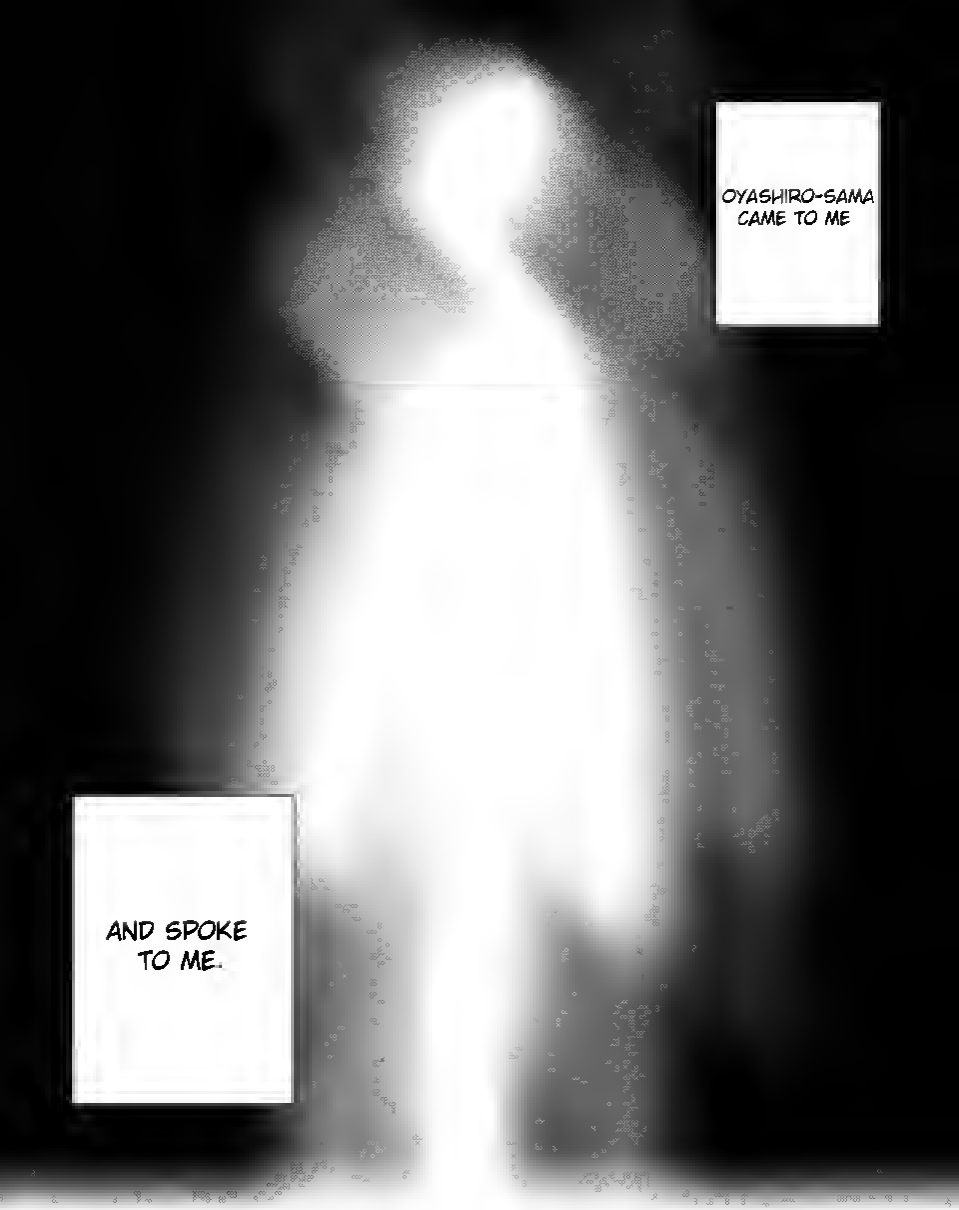
GRADUALLY TURNED INTO HATE TOWARDS THE WORLD AROUND
JUST THAT MY HATE TOWARDS MY MOTHER
HURT THOSE WHO WERE UNRELATED.
I...

IT WASN'T SOMETHING THAT WAS FORGIVABLE
BUT IF DISHONORING MYSELF HURT MY MOTHER'S NAME AS WELL, THEN I THOUGHT THAT WAS FINE...
RYUUGUU-SAN, HOW ARE YOU DOING?
AFTER THAT, I WAS PUT INTO A "HOSPITAL"
I
HURT MYSELF.
RESTROOM
I'LL ER SE ... EVERTHING ...
PROBABLY NOTHING THAT I DID WAS FORGIVABLE
RYUUGUU -SAN...?
HUH?
AT THAT TIME

THEY'RE LEECHES.
I SEE... SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...
RYUUGUU -SAN!
LEECHES ARE GUSHING OUT OF MY BODY.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, RYUUGUU -SAN!!?
IT'S NATURAL THAT I'D BE FILTHY AS WELL.
SINCE I'M THE DAUGHTER OF THAT BITCH,

LOOK, MOTHER ...
FUFU... AHAHA...
YOUR DAUGHTER'S BODY IS SWARMING WITH MAGGOTS!!
SERVES YOUUU RIGHT!!
BRING ME A SYRINGE !!!
R-RYUUGUU -SAN, CALM DOWN!

THIS IS HOW BROKEN I WAS
AT THE LAST MOMENT, THE ABSOLUTE FINAL MOMENT.



"RETURN TO HINAMIZAWA"

THOSE WHO BREAK THAT TABOO WILL FALL UNDER A CURSE.
"YOU MUST NOT LEAVE HINAMIZAWA."
EVERYTHING ...
THE REASON WHY MAGGOTS GUSHED FORTH FROM MY BODY
...THE REASON WHY MY MOTHER HAD AN AFFAIR
----- I UNDERSTOOD.
IT WAS MY PUNISHMENT FOR LEAVING HINAMIZAWA ...
WAS OYASHIRO -SAMA'S CURSE.

RIGHT NOW, I'M NOT SURE WHETHER OYASHIRO-SAMA REALLY EXISTS
OR IS JUST SOME DELUSION I HAD WHEN I WAS ILL
I CERTAINLY FELT "OYASHIRO-SAMA".
BUT BACK THEN,
AND I THREW AWAY ALL THOSE "UN"PLEASANT THINGS.
I RETURNED TO HINAMIZAWA WITH MY FATHER

I THREW AWAY THE NAME THAT MY MOTHER GAVE ME, 'RE"I"NA'
AND I RETURNED TO HINAMIZAWA AS 'RENA'.
OYASHIRO-SAMA'S CURSE HAS ENDED
I TRANSFERRED IN, MADE FRIENDS, AND BECAME HAPPY.

EVEN THOUGH THE CURSE WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE ENDED...
THE WORLD IS STARTING TO GO MAD AGAIN
BECAUSE RINA-SAN SHOWED UP,
I WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BECOME HAPPY
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
OYASHIRO-SAMA ...
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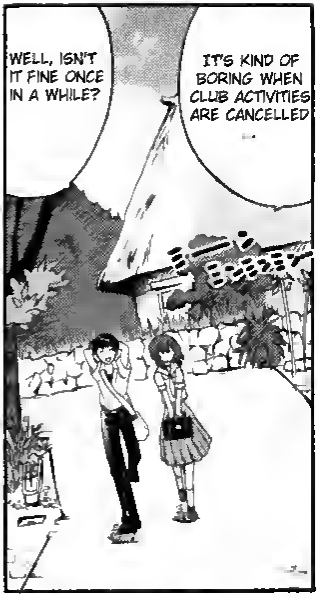
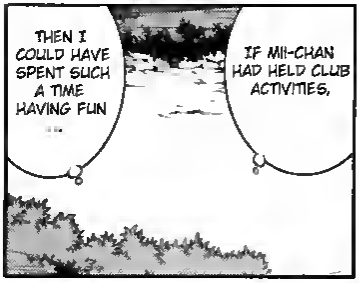
THE NEXT DAY---

THERE'S A LOT TO LOOK FORWARD TO!
THERE ARE THOSE THAT THINK 'THE WATANAGASHI FESTIVAL IS SOON', RIGHT?


WELL, ISN'T IT FINE ONCE IN A WHILE?
IT'S KIND OF BORING WHEN CLUB ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED

RINA-SAN WILL PROBABLY COME OVER TODAY AS WELL...
YEAH, THAT'S TRUE.

AS IT IS NOW, I'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO FACE RINA-SAN WHEN I RETURN
HOW DEPRESSING...


IF MII-CHAN HAD HELD CLUB ACTIVITIES,
THEN I COULD HAVE SPENT SUCH A TIME HAVING FUN...

AFTER RINA-SAN STARTED COMING OVER,
I DON'T FEEL LIKE I HAVE A PLACE AT HOME ANYMORE.

RINA-SAN COMES OVER ALMOST EVERYDAY.

SO I STARTED GOING "TREASURE HUNTING" AND KILL TIME AT THE DAM CONSTRUCTION SITE.
I DON'T WANT TO FACE THAT PERSON,

I FEEL LIKE IT'D BE MORE PEACEFUL THAN BEING AT HOME...
...I GUESS I'LL GO TO MY REFUGE AT THE DAM CONSTRUCTION SITE TODAY AS WELL...

ARE YOU FINE?
HEY, RENA.
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SFX: SIGH
SFX: THUMP
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...EH?...

SFX: HAU HAU HAU-----

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IF YOU DO, THEN ASK ME FOR HELP.
DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT?

YOU'RE KINDA DIFFERENT FROM THE USUAL RENA, YOU KNOW...
K-KEICHI-KUN ?
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EH...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO HOLD BACK OR ANYTHING.

I DON'T WANT YOU TO HOLD BACK AND CREATE SOME SORT OF WEIRD WALL BETWEEN US
LIKE THE KEIICHI FROM THE PAST DID...
I THINK OF YOU AND THE OTHERS AS MY TRUE FRIENDS, SO...
THAT'S WHY
THE KEIICHI FROM THE PAST...?
AH, NO
BASICALLY, I MEAN MYSELF
I WANT TO HELP OUT MY FRIENDS!
IF YOU HAVE ANY WORRIES, THEN ASK ME FOR HELP!

...I'M VERY HAPPY THAT KEIICHI FEELS THIS WAY
IT'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO BY MYSELF.
...BUT MY FAMILY SITUATION ISN'T SOMETHING I CAN RESOLVE JUST BY ASKING OTHERS FOR HELP
OH, REINA -CHAN!
ONCE ALONE, I FEEL MORE AND MORE DEPRESSED

YOO HOO~
ARE YOU GOING HOME NOW?
HEYY, REINA-CHAN
..GOOD AFTERNOON
..RINA -SAN..
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WON'T YOU ACCOMPANY ME FOR A LITTLE WHILE?

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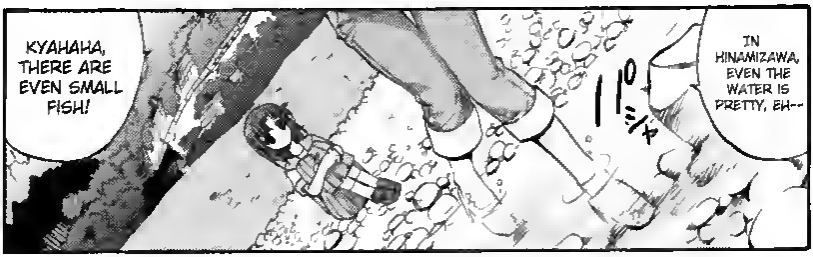
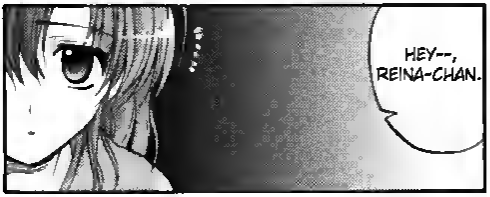

KYAHAHA, THERE ARE EVEN SMALL FISH!
IN HINAMIZAWA, EVEN THE WATER IS PRETTY, EH--


HEY--, REINA-CHAN.

WHAT DOES RINA-SAN PLAN TO DO.

I HATE BEING INDIRECT
SO I'LL ASK YOU STRAIGHT OUT.

YOU PROBABLY HATE ME, RIGHT?

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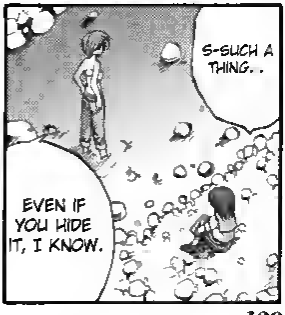
SFX: THUMP

I JUST INTRUDED ALL OF A SUDDEN
AND TOOK YOUR FATHER AWAY FROM YOU.
WELL, IT'S A MATTER OF COURSE


S-SUCH A THING..
EVEN IF YOU HIDE IT, I KNOW.

A DAUGHTER WOULDN'T JUST ACCEPT THAT SO EASILY.
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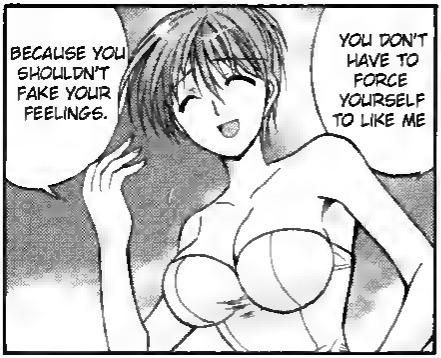
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF TO LIKE ME
BECAUSE YOU SHOULDN'T FAKE YOUR FEELINGS.

I TRIED SO HARD TO HIDE IT SO THAT RIN-SAN WOULDN'T FIND OUT
BUT SHE SAW RIGHT THROUGH ME ...
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I CAN'T CHANGE MY FEELINGS EITHER.
...BUT I'M SORRY.

I LOVE
THAT MAN.

...
RINA-SAN
...

SFX: KYAHAH-
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I DON'T THINK I NEED TO TELL YOU, BUT
IT'S RARE TO FIND SUCH A GOOD PERSON.
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RINA-SAN MIGHT NOT BE A BAD PERSON.
SHE APPRECIATES FATHER...
IF YOU HAVE ANY WORRIES, THEN ASK ME FOR HELP!
RATHER THAN
THINKING THAT I'M ALONE, I MIGHT ACTUALLY NOT BE SO UNFORTUNATE...
I LOVE THAT MAN.

AND IT'S JUST THAT MY HEART HAS BECOME OBSTINATE...
MAYBE OYASHIRO-SAMA'S CURSE REALLY ENDED

FATHER, I'M HOOOME!
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RINA-SAN HELPED WITH THE REMODELING OF THE ROOMS!
WH-WHAT HAPPENED?

PLEASE COME, IT'S AMAZING!!
OHH, WELCOME HOME, REINA.
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PLEASE LOOK, LOOK...!
THE ROOM LOOKS BRIGHTER NOW, DOESN'T IT?

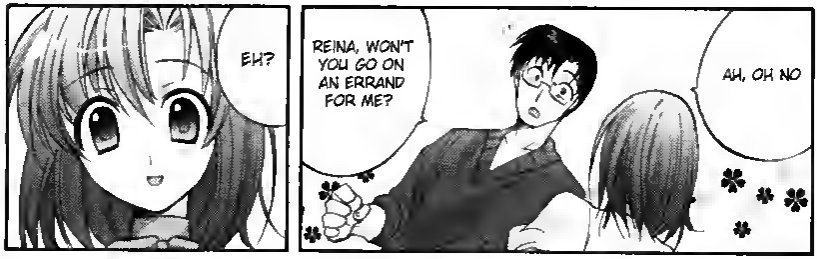
IT'S KIND OF LIKE A RESORT HOTEL OR SOMETHING...
... W-WOW

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO HUMBLE ABOUT IT!
THIS IS FATHER AND REINA'S HOUSE, RIGHT?

HAHAHA, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
IT'S TOO EXTRAVAGANT AND DOESN'T FEEL LIKE IT FITS OUR HOUSE...

PERHAPS THE MOOD GOT BRIGHTER AS WELL AFTER CHANGING THE ROOM...
HE REALLY LOOKS HAPPY ...

I WAS SURPRISED THAT THE ROOM WAS CHANGED ALL OF A SUDDEN,
BUT THANKS TO RINA-SAN, FATHER IS STEADILY BECOMING HAPPIER.


EH?
REINA, WON'T YOU GO ON AN ERRAND FOR ME?
AH, OH NO

GIORGIO ARMANI
I APOLOGIZE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE, MISS.

THE JACKET THAT YOU HAVE ORDERED HAS BEEN DELAYED
I BELIEVE IT WILL ARRIVE SOMETIME UNDER AN HOUR.

THIS STORE SEEMS EXPENSIVE
HAS FATHER BEEN INFLUENCED BY RINA-SAN TOO MUCH...?

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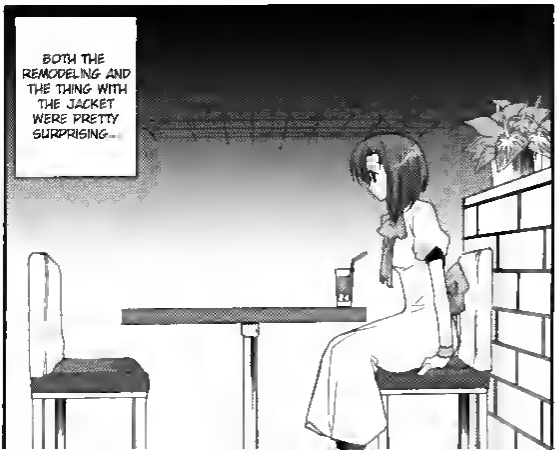
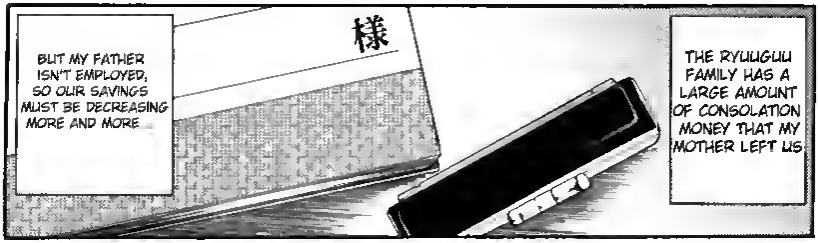
I'LL GO KILL SOME TIME AT THE CAFE...

MAY I ASK YOU TO WAIT UNTIL THEN?
IT CAN'T BE HELPED


BOTH THE REMODELING AND THE THING WITH THE JACKET WERE PRETTY SURPRISING...

IT'S GOOD THAT FATHER'S HAPPY NOW,
BUT PERHAPS HE'S BEEN USING TOO MUCH MONEY RECENTLY...?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BUT MY FATHER ISN'T EMPLOYED, SO OUR SAVINGS MUST BE DECREASING MORE AND MORE...
THE RYUUGUU FAMILY HAS A LARGE AMOUNT OF CONSOLATION MONEY THAT MY MOTHER LEFT US.

I GUESS IT'S A SHADY STORE.
OH NO, THE ASHTRAY HASN'T BEEN CLEANED.

MAYBE I SHOULD WARN FATHER ONCE

I'LL JUST TOLERATE IT.
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...I JUST HAVE TO KILL A LITTLE TIME.
SFX SIGH..

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WH WHAT?
HEY HEY! THIS AIN'T ENOUGH!
WHAT'S WITH THIS!!?
S-SORRY THE INTEREST IS SO EXPENSIVE.
WHAT KINDA EXCUSE IS THAT FOR SOMEONE WHO BORROWS WITHOUT RETURNIN'!?
IF JUST APOLOGIZIN' WERE ENOUGH, THEN WE WOULDN'T NEED POLICE, AIN'T THAT RIGHT!?
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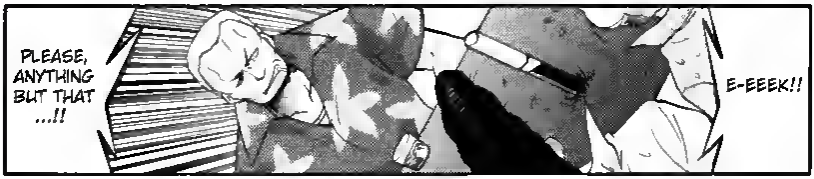
EEK...!!
YOU GONNA TAKE RESPONSIBILITY USIN' THIS? HUH?

YO, YOU GONNA GIMME YOUR PINKY OR WHAT!!?
THOUGHT YOU COULD RETURN HOME ALL SAFE AND SOUND WITHOUT RETURNIN' THE MONEY?!


PLEASE, ANYTHING BUT THAT ...!!
E-EEEK!!

HUH? THIS VOICE ...
IF YOU THREATEN THEM, THEN AREN'T THESE GUYS KIND OF PITIFUL--?

I'VE COME ACROSS SUCH AN UNPLEASANT PLACE
IS IT SOME YAKUZA MEMBER COLLECTING SOME DEBT?

NOW, NOW, TE-CHAN
IT'S STILL EARLY, BUT IT'S PROBABLY BETTER TO LEAVE...

I'M SORRY~
IF IT INVOLVES MONEY, THEN WE ALL SHARE THE SAME CONCERN.
SAYING THAT "IT INVOLVES MONEY" WASN'T UNNECESSARY?~
WHY IS RINA-SAN IN SUCH A PLACE...!?
OH, TE-CHAN, YOU!
IT'S CUZ HE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF YA THAT I GOT SO SERIOUS, RITSUKO.
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RINA-SAN ...!!

IT'S CERTAINLY RINA-SAN...
CALLED HER RITSUKO, BUT

AT ANY RATE,
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WHY IS SHE WITH A YAKUZA MEMBER...?

YOU GUYS MUST HAVE GONE THROUGH SOME TERRIBLE HARDSHIPS, RIGHT?

IT'S AMAZING HOW YOU GUYS MANAGED TO GATHER TWO MILLION.
EVEN THOUGH YOU COULDN'T PREPARE THE INTEREST,

RITSUKO -SAN
WAHHH

SINCE YOU GUYS ARE SO SERIOUS,
I TOOK THAT INTO CONSIDERATION AND BROUGHT THIS FOR YOU!
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AHAHA, LOOK! LOOK CLOSER!
I-IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO BORROW EVEN MORE THAN WE ALREADY HAVE..!!
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EH, WAI ...
ISN'T THIS AN I.O.U.!!?
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THE INTEREST RATE IS FAR BETTER THAN TE-CHAN'S, YOU KNOW?
ON TOP OF NOT NEEDING A COLLATERAL FEE AND COLLECTIVE FEE,

IT'S ONLY FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND, RIGHT?
PLEASE PAY TE-CHAN'S INTEREST RIGHT HERE AND NOW.
YOU GUYS DON'T WANT TO WASTE YOUR LIVES
OVER SUCH A SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY, RIGHT ...?
EEK ...

...WELL, IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU NEED TO DECIDE RIGHT AWAY.
IT'S OKAY IF YOU DECIDE BY THE END OF THE DAY.
IN ORDER FOR THEM TO RETURN THEIR LOAN,
THEY'RE MAKING THEM TAKE OUT ANOTHER LOAN...
THESE PEOPLE
PLAN TO THOROUGHLY EXPLOIT MONEY...
WHAT IS RINA-SAN DOING?
IS SHE BEING THREATENED BY THE YAKUZA AND HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO COOPERATE WITH THEM...?
OH YEAH, RITSUKO.
HOW'S IT WITH THAT MAN OF YOURS IN HINAMIZAWA?
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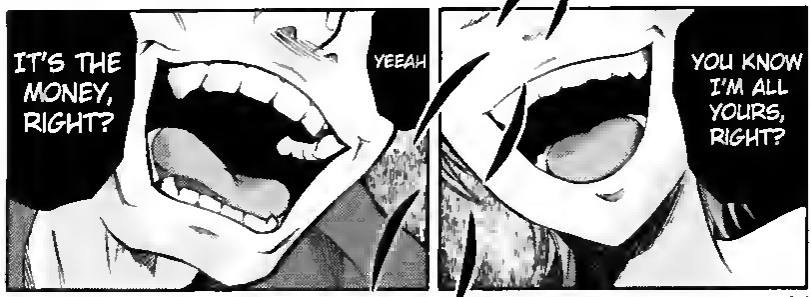
KYAHAHAHA! MAN OF MINE?
QUIT JOKING AROUND!

IS SO NOT MY TYPE!
SUCH AN OBLIVIOUS MAN


IT'S THE MONEY, RIGHT?
YEEAH
YOU KNOW I'M ALL YOURS, RIGHT?

JUST WHAT
ARE THESE PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT?

HMMM, WELL, CONTRARY TO HOW HE LOOKS, QUITE A LOT--...

SO HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK YOU CAN SQUEEZE OUTTA HIM?
WHO'S THIS MAN FROM HINAMIZAWA?
カラン...

HE'S A GREAT SOURCE OF REVENUE, YOU KNOW?
HE HAS QUITE A LOT SAVED UP.
IT SEEMS LIKE THE WIFE THAT HE DIVORCED GAVE HIM A LARGE AMOUNT OF CONSOLATION MONEY
HE HAS LIKE FIFTY MILLION IN HIS BANK ACCOUNT.
SUCH AN OBLIVIOUS MAN IS NOT WORTHY OF SUCH MONEY---! KYAHAHAHAHA!
NO WAY... IT'S ABOUT FATHER...!

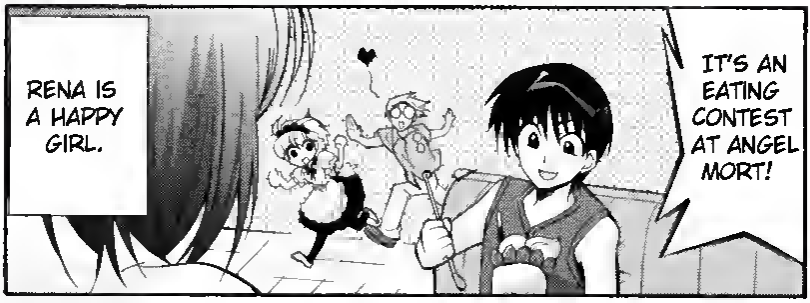
IF I TELL HIM TO, HE'LL BUY ME ANYTHING.
ANYTHING!
IT SEEMS LIKE HE HAS A HUGE CRUSH ON ME TOO---
SFX KYAHAHAHAHAHA
AND TODAY, WE WENT SHOPPING IN ORDER TO REMODEL ONE OF THE ROOMS
AND JEEZ, IT'S INTERESTING HOW HE SPENDS MONEY LIKE HE HAS TOO MUCH OF IT.
JEEZ, THAT GUY'S LIKE
FEEL LIKE IT'S GONNA BE A PIECE OF CAKE---?
HE ALSO HAS A DAUGHTER, BUT AFTER A LITTLE ACTING,
I WAS ABLE TO TRICK HER QUITE EASILY

THE EASIEST MARK EVER.
Tch...

THAT TIME
.....
WHEN MY MOTHER HAD AN AFFAIR.
I KNEW THAT I HAD AN "ENEMY" IN THIS WORLD THAT I COULDN'T FORGIVE.
THESE PEOPLE ARE "ENEMIES"

I WON'T LET THEM INTRUDE ON MY HAPPINESS.
THIS TIME I WON'T MESS UP.
THIS TIME FOR SURE
I'LL PROTECT FATHER -----!!

OMAKE!


RENA IS A HAPPY GIRL.
IT'S AN EATING CONTEST AT ANGEL MORT!

SHE ALSO DOES HER VERY BEST AT CLUB ACTIVITIES.
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IS THIS ALL RIGHT? ...IS IT...?
YOU WIN!
RENA WINS ------!

HRK!
WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE ...
COUGH COUGH
GOT CAUGHT IN MY WINDPIPE

CHAPTER 3: RENA'S STRUGGLE

RINA-SAN WAS TRICKING FATHER.
THAT PERSON WILL LISTEN TO ANYTHING THAT I SAY!
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I WANT, HE'LL GIVE IT TO ME, YOU KNOW~
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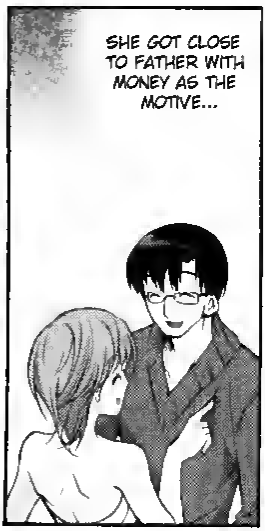
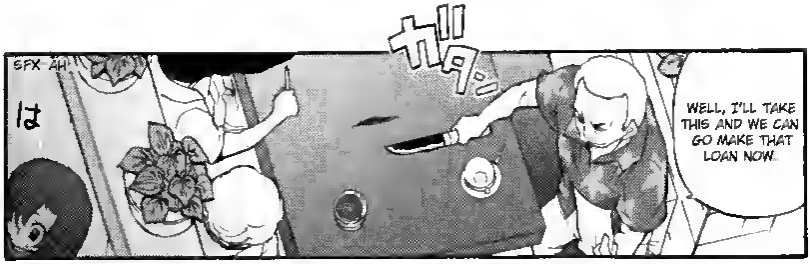
SFX: KYAHAHAHAHAHA

BUT... WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
FATHER HASN'T REALIZED THAT HE'S BEING TRICKED. I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING...


SHE GOT CLOSE TO FATHER WITH MONEY AS THE MOTIVE...


SFX: AH
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WELL, I'LL TAKE THIS AND WE CAN GO MAKE THAT LOAN NOW.

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IS IT ALL RIGHT IF I DON'T SAY ANYTHING AND LET THEM GO JUST LIKE THAT.?
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THEY'RE GOING TO LEAVE.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?

JUST NOW, THEY EASILY THRUST TWO PEOPLE INTO DEBT HELL.
RINA-SAN AND THAT MAN NAMED TEPPEI ARE ACCUSTOMED TO USING SHADY ANTICS

...
BUT WHAT CAN I DO AFTER I DETAIN THEM?
YELL "STAY AWAY FROM FATHER"?

THEN I WOULDN'T BE ANY MATCH FOR THEM...
IF SOMEONE LIKE ME WERE TO CONFRONT THEM,

OR THEY MAY TRY TO THREATHEN ME WITH VICLENCE,
JUST LIKE THEY DID WITH THOSE PEOPLE FROM BEFORE...
---N-NOT GOOD, RENA. YOU CAN'T BE AFRAID!
WAI ...
FATHER IS IN TROUBLE ...!!
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THE HELL'S YOUR PROBLEM!!?
WATCH WHERE AH YOU'RE GO...IN'
THIS IS, THIS IS ...
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THE GENERAL MANAGER ...!!!

JUST WHO IS THIS PERSON...?
DRIVE AWAY THE YAKUZA IN JUST ONE INSTANT...
TO BE ABLE TO
ER, SORRY ...!!
UH ...

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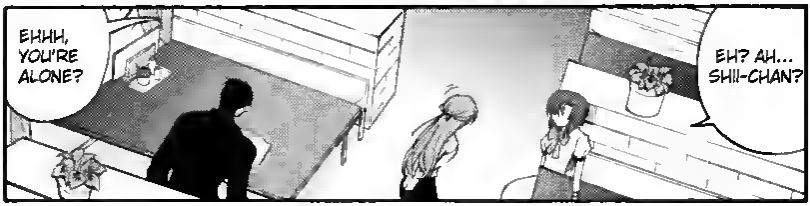
WHY, ISN'T IT RENA-SAN?


EHHH, YOU'RE ALONE?
EH? AH... SHII-CHAN?

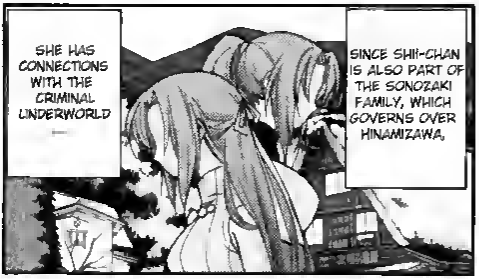
WHO IS THAT SIR THAT YOU BROUGHT ALONG...?
U-UMMM, SHII-CHAN...

YOU WOULDN'T HAVE POSSIBLY ARRANGED TO MEET SOMEONE, HAVE YOU--?
LIKE KEI-CHAN OR SOMETHING

AHH, THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME MEETING HIM, ISN'T IT?
HUH?

HIS NAME IS KASAI.
WELL-- PLEASE THINK OF HIM AS MY BODYGUARD OR SOMETHING.
HELLO.

SHII-CHAN IS MII-CHAN'S TWIN SISTER.
...AND WELL, EVEN THOUGH HE HAS A SCARY FACE, HE'S AN INTERESTING FELLA.


SHE HAS CONNECTIONS WITH THE CRIMINAL UNDERWORLD
SINCE SHII-CHAN IS ALSO PART OF THE SONOZAKI FAMILY, WHICH GOVERNS OVER HINAMIZAWA,

WERE THOSE PEOPLE FROM BEFORE ACQUAINTANCES OF YOURS?
KASAI -SAN

IF THAT IS YOUR WISH, THEN I SHALL DO SO EVEN IF IT COSTS ME MY LIFE.
YOU'LL RESCUE ME WHENEVER I'M IN TROUBLE, RIGHT--?

HOW ARE THEY ILL-NATURED?
... HOW ...
EVEN IF IT'S JUST A LITTLE, I HAVE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THOSE PEOPLE
YOU ARE CALLED RENA-SAN, RIGHT?
THOSE TWO MAKE UP THE ILL-NATURED GUROTSUKI GROUP.
IT WOULD BE BEST NOT TO GET INVOLVED WITH THEM
PLEASE PARDON ME
PLEASE TELL ME.
IT IS IN MY MORALS NOT TO TOUCH UPON THE PRIVATE LIVES OF PEOPLE
HOW ARE THEY ILL-NATURED?
IT LOOKS LIKE RENA-SAN ISN'T ASKING JUST FOR FUN.
...TELL HER, KASAI

TEPPEI HOUJOU AND RINA MAMIYA.
TOGETHER THEY ARE GUROTSUKI, WHICH MAKES A LIVING OFF OF FRAUD AND BLACKMAIL.

IT'S SAID THAT THE WOMAN'S REAL NAME IS RITSUKO,
AND THAT THEY ALSO UTILIZE THE BADGER GAME.
BADGER GAME...?

RIGHT WHEN THE WOMAN AND SOME EASY TARGET ARE AT THE PEAK OF THEIR FUN,
THE MAN WILL BARGE IN SAYING "WHAT THE HELL'RE YOU DOING?" AND EXTORT MONEY FROM HIM.

AHAHA, THE BADGER GAME IS KINDA LIKE A MARRIAGE SCAM.

...ACCORDING TO RUMORS, IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'VE GOTTEN A HUGE CATCH AS OF LATE
EHHH, WELL, THAT'S QUITE UNFORTUNATE,
NOT LIKE I KNOW WHO IT IS, BUT YEAH.
THEY'RE SCUM THAT WILL EXTORT ALL THAT THEY CAN OUT OF PEOPLE.
THEY'LL MAKE HIM FINANCE THEM AS MUCH AS HE CAN.
FATHER
ISN'T IT BEYOND SAVING NOW?
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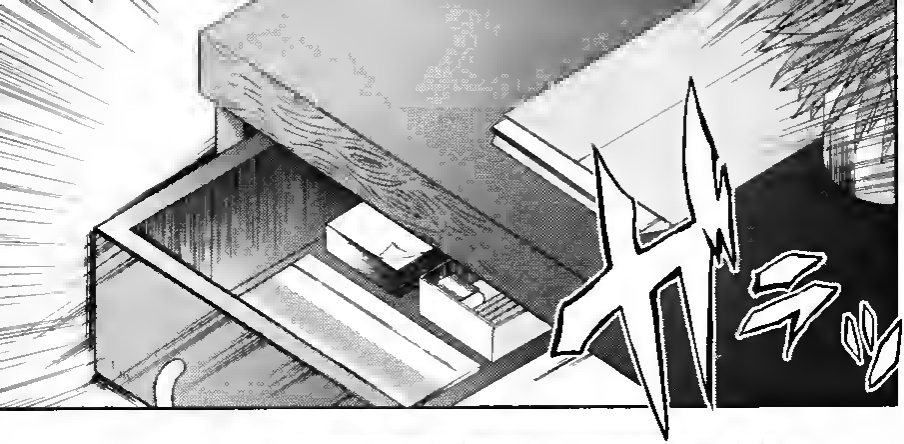
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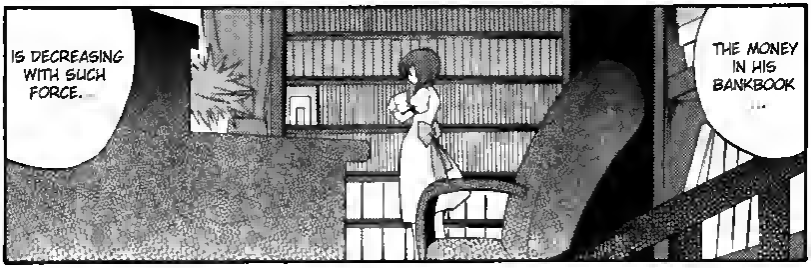
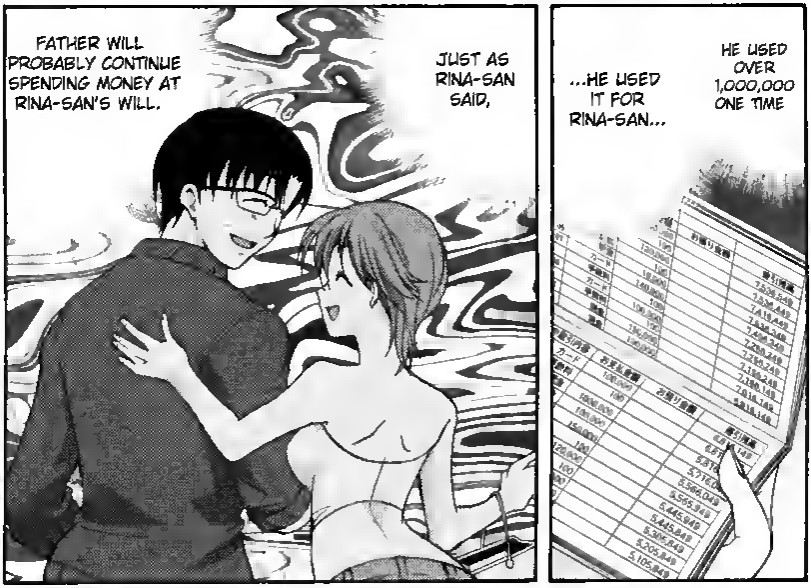
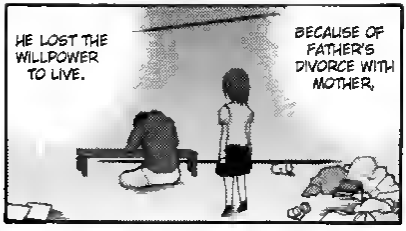
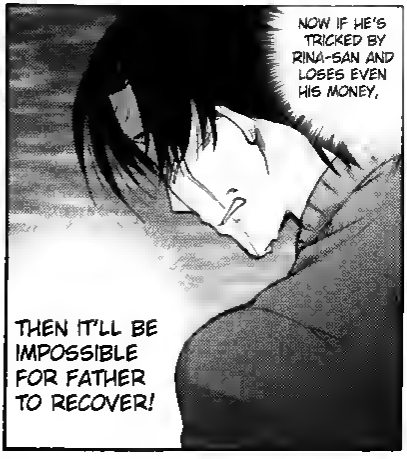

THE MONEY IN HIS BANKBOOK ...
IS DECREASING WITH SUCH FORCE...


HE USED OVER 1,000,000 ONE TIME
...HE USED IT FOR RINA-SAN...
JUST AS RINA-SAN SAID,
FATHER WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE SPENDING MONEY AT RINA-SAN'S WILL.

AT THIS RATE, EVERYTHING OF FATHER'S
WILL BE ENTIRELY CONSUMED BY RINA-SAN!

FATHER PROBABLY WON'T BELIEVE ME ...
...WHAT SHOULD I DO... EVEN IF I WERE TO BE FRANK ABOUT RINA-SAN'S TRUE NATURE,


HE LOST THE WILLPOWER TO LIVE.
BECAUSE OF FATHER'S DIVORCE WITH MOTHER,


NOW IF HE'S TRICKED BY RINA-SAN AND LOSES EVEN HIS MONEY,
THEN IT'LL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR FATHER TO RECOVER!

...IT'S NO GOOD. THERE'S NO MEANING TO IT IF FATHER HIMSELF DOESN'T REALIZE THAT HE'S BEING TRICKED.
WHAT IF I WENT TO THE POLICE TO REPORT RINA-SAN'S ACT OF FRAUD?
THEY'RE PROS THAT CAN CON OTHERS.
BUT MY OPPONENT IS THE YAKUZA.
THEN I'LL HAVE TO MAKE A MOVE AND DO SOMETHING
IS THERE NOTHING THAT CAN BE DONE WITH MY OWN POWER ...?
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THE NEXT DAY-----
リーン リーン…
EH? YOU WANT TO MEET WITH KASAI-SAN?
WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN?
H-HAU…

THERE WOULD BE NOTHING MORE REASSURING IF HE WERE TO LEND ME HIS POWER.
YESTERDAY, KASAI-SAN DROVE OFF RINA-SAN AND HER PARTNER WITH JUST ONE GLARE.

I WONDER IF I CAN SOMEHOW ASK IF I COULD MEET WITH HIM PERSONALLY.
I PICKED UP SOMETHING THAT KASAI-SAN DROPPED SO I WANT TO RETURN IT.
I HAVE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH KASAI-SAN....
IT'S WRONG TO LIE TO MII-CHAN, BUT

K..KASAI-SAN'S MOUSTACHE IS KYUUUTE,
SO RENA WANTS TO RETURN IT TO HIM PERSONALLY!
I-IF YOU DO THAT, THEN THERE'S NO POINT!
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THEN OJISAN WILL TAKE CARE OF IT!
OH, IS THAT SO?
EH?

SFX: HAU

YOOO, RENA AND MION!
AHHAHA! OH, YOU AND YOUR CURIOSITY!
OK OK!

Mii ☆
LOOKS LIKE YOU GUYS ARE HAVING FUN. I'LL JOIN AS WELL!
CERTAINLY
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I DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE ...
... SORRY
RENA HAS SOMETHING TO DO, SO I'LL RETURN HOME!

WELL THEN, WE'LL HAVE TO START CLUB ACTIVITIES!
OHH EVERYONE'S HERE!

MII-CHAN, REMEMBER THE THING WITH KASAI -SAN, OKAY --!?
SEE EVERYONE TOMORROW!
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I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT WHAT TO DO FROM NOW ON.
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THIS REFUGE IS A SECRET PLACE THAT BELONGS ONLY TO ME.
NO ONE CAN BOTHER ME HERE.
JUST DEPENDING ON KASAI-SAN'S ASSISTANCE ISN'T GOOD.
I WONDER IF THERE'S ANY OTHER WAY.
SOMETHING THAT I CAN DO..
IN ORDER TO PREVENT RINA -SAN AND HER PARTNER'S PLAN..

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RINA-SAN !?
AWWW, SORRY, DID I FRIGHTEN YOU?
N-NO...
SFX: KYAHA
I SPOTTED YOU WALKING,
SO I ENDED UP FOLLOWING YOU
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... IS THAT SO...?
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE PLANNING TO DO SUCH A CRUEL THING,
WHY ARE YOU ABLE TO LAUGH LIKE THAT-----?

RIGHT NOW, IT'S BETTER TO PRETEND THAT I HAVEN'T REALIZED RINA-SAN'S TRUE NATURE.
... AH, I WAS A BIT SURPRISED
... WHAT'S WRONG?
HAD A SERIOUS DISCUSSION, YOU SEE?
YOUR FATHER AND I
---YOU SEE, I WANT TO TALK TO YOU, REINA-CHAN.
OH?
UNTIL I FIND A WAY TO COUNTER-MEASURE HER...
HAVE DECIDED TO GET MARRIED.
AND YOUR FATHER AND I
EH...
MARRIAGE ...?

SFX: GASP
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MOTHER IS
PLANNING ON GETTING MARRIED.
... AND YOU KNOW WHAT?
... NO!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO REMEMBER THINGS FROM THE PAST!
I THINK THAT LIVING TOGETHER WITH YOU
WILL DEFINITELY BE FUN!

THIS IS BAD. I'VE REMEMBERED

THINGS FROM THAT TIME

I WON'T APPROVE OF THIS MARRIAGE
ナゼ…
PLEASE DISAPPEAR FROM FATHER'S SIGHT.
…AH…

A... AHAHA ...
I DIDN'T THINK I'D BE REJECTED THAT STRAIGHT-FORWARDLY.
BUT, YOU KNOW? I DON'T MIND IF YOU HATE ME, BUT
DO CONSIDER YOUR FATHER'S FEELINGS.
BECAUSE YOUR FATHER AND I
LOVE EACH ONE ANOTHER AND...
THAT'S A LIEEE!!
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I KNOW EVERYTHING.
ABOUT HOW YOU GOT CLOSE TO FATHER WITH MONEY AS THE MOTIVE
AND HOW YOU AND A MAN NAMED TEPPEI USE THE BADGER GAME!
WHAT'S WITH THIS "I LOVE HIM"?
EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE ONLY SEEN FATHER AS AN EASY TARGET!
...HEH
YOU KNOW EVERYTHING?
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AND WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
TRY RATTING ME OUT TO YOUR FATHER?

I WON'T FORGIVE YOU.
AND IF I SAY NO?
THAT PERSON'S BEEN TAMED BY ME
HE DEFINITELY WON'T LISTEN, YOU KNOW?
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PLEASE DON'T GET ANY CLOSER TO FATHER.

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BUT... HOW WILL I DO THAT...?
I'LL SETTLE THIS WITH RINA-SAN!!
..I CAN'T PUT THIS OFF ANY LONGER.
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SFX: KYAHA
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COME ONNN, WHAT ARE YOU GETTING ALL SERIOUS OVER?
IT'S A JOKE, A JOKE!!!
AHAHA, MAN, I GIVE UP.
...EH?
'KAY?
LET'S MAKE UP! MAKE UP-----!
LOOK, LOOK

DON'T LOOK DOWN ON ME, YOU STUPID BRAAAAAT!!
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BUT IF SHUTTIN' YOU UP GETS ME TENS OF MILLIONS, THEN IT AIN'T SO BAD!!!
GYAHAHA! YOU KNOW, I DIDN'T WANNA KILL YA!!
UGH...
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AHH...
UGH...!!
I'LL KILL YOUUU, YOU DAMN BITCHHH!!

I CAN'T MOVE AT ALL...
DAMN...
I'LL BE KILLED!!
AS IT IS NOW...
YOU WERE THROWN AWAY BY YOUR MOTHER.
BUT
YOU'RE PITIFUL AS WELL --!
AND TO YOUR FATHER, YOU'RE JUST EXTRA BAGGAGE THAT COMES WITH THE REMARRIAGE.

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AND LAST OF ALL, YOU'LL BE KILLED BY A WOMAN LIKE ME.

SERIOUSLY
YOUR LIFE WAS CURSED!

AM I.....CURSED...?

THIS TIME FOR SURE, I'M LIVING A NORMAL LIFE WITH FATHER.
I WON'T LET ANYONE BOTHER US.
AND WITH EVERYONE!
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... THAT'S ...A LIE. .
WHAT IS THIS BITCH SAYING?
FATHER AND I BOTH SUFFERED.
YES, I ENCOUNTERED OYASHIRO-SAMA'S CURSE.
THE CURSE HAS ALREADY ENDED.
BUT I RETURNED TO HINAMIZAWA.

I WANT TO SPEND THESE HAPPY DAYS WITH KEIICHI -KUN AND THE OTHERS.
THIS TIME FOR SURE
THIS TIME FOR SURE!
HAPPYYY !!!
WILL BECOME
...!!!
UGH
KYA- HAHA- HAHA- HAHA- HAHA- HAHA- HAHA!
I

GI...
GIIYAA
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AAAAA!
ゴロ。
COUGH, COUGH
UGH
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Y...
YA DAMN BRAT!

GYAH!
HAA
HAA
YOU... WAI... TIME OUT!
THIS IS SERIOUSLY BAD!!
GYAH!?
WHY'S IT SO HARD TO MOVE AROUND HERE!?

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GYAAAA!
...THIS MOUNTAIN OF TRASH IS MY CASTLE.
NOT LIKE IT'D BE AN ADVANTAGOUS LOCATION FOR YOU.
WH... WAIT! STOP!
I...IT REALLY HURTS!
M-MY ARM'S BROKEN...
AND MY NAILS, LOOK... THEY'RE ALL PEELING OFF...

I HAVE TO GO MAKE THEM PRETTY AGAIN
EVEN THOUGH I JUST WENT TO THE NAIL SALON YESTERDAY,
BLOOD IS COMING OUT.
MY HAND IS TWISTED THE OTHER WAY.
WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY FREQUENT CUSTOMERS DECREASE?
WHAT SHOULD I DO? NOW I CAN'T GO TO WORK!
IT HURTS
IT HURTS
AH
I REMEMBERED SOMETHING GOOD!!
I'M SORRY! I WON'T DO ANYTHING, SO LET'S MAKE UP!
AH, STOP! IT HURTS, IT HURTS!
DON'T MAKE SUCH A SCARY FACE!!
PLEASE, REINA -CHAN
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE INTERESTED!
I KNOW A STORE THAT SERVES DELICIOUS KEEMA CURRY!
HEY, WE SHOULD ALL GO THERE TO EAT NEXT TIME, OKAY?

REINA-CHAN ...
HEY, HEY, FORGIVE ME, REINA-CHAN!
REINA -CHAN !!!
... UP ...
SHUT UP SHUT UP
THAT NAME ...

KILL
DON'T YOU
CALL ME BY THAT NAME-EEEE!!

カナカナカナ…
カナカナカナ…
…RINA…
HAS BECOME COMPLETELY IMMOBILE
IS SHE …
IS SHE REALLY DEAD…?
SHE'S DEAD

RINA MAMIYA IS DEAD...
I KILLED RINA-SAN ...
I KI...
...I...
...
mm

FUFU
AHAHAHA ...!
I SEE... SO THIS WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO...

INSTEAD OF RELYING ON OTHERS OR ASKING FOR HELP.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN GREAT IF I DID THIS RIGHT FROM THE START
カナカナカナ…

I PROTECTED FATHER.
RINA-SAN CAN'T TRICK FATHER ANYMORE.
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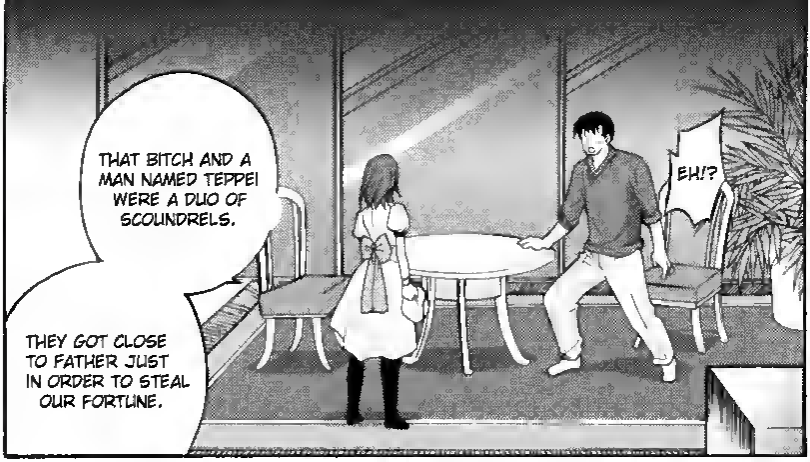
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO BE HAPPY,

THEN YOU MUST GRASP IT YOURSELF,
EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO DIRTY YOUR OWN HANDS ------!!
I KILLED HER BECAUSE I HAD TO KILL HER.
I DON'T FEEL GUILTY FOR KILLING RINA -SAN AT ALL
I'VE HIDDEN RINA-SAN INSIDE OF THIS
WAS THERE ANY OPTION OTHER THAN THIS
THAT WOULD HAVE SAVED ME AND FATHER ---?
SO IT'S OKAY FOR NOW.

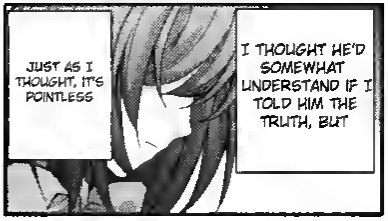
NOW THE ONLY ONE REMAINING IS A MAN NAMED TEPPEI.
IF I TRY MY BEST A LITTLE LONGER,
THEN I CAN PROTECT FATHER!

FATHER
THERE'S NO NEED TO REMARRY.


THAT BITCH AND A MAN NAMED TEPPEI WERE A DUO OF SCOUNDRELS.
THEY GOT CLOSE TO FATHER JUST IN ORDER TO STEAL OUR FORTUNE.
EH!?

JUST LIKE HOW CATTLE ACT . EVEN IF THE SHEPHERD DIES, THEY CAN'T RUN AWAY
FATHER WOULD REALLY DO ANYTHING FOR RINA'S SAKE

DON'T SPEAK BADLY OF RINA-SAN!!
JUST WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?


JUST AS I THOUGHT, IT'S POINTLESS
I THOUGHT HE'D SOMEWHAT UNDERSTAND IF I TOLD HIM THE TRUTH, BUT

SO EVEN IF THE SHEPHERD DIES,
THE CATTLE WILL REMAIN CATTLE, HUH?

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ピンポーン
THIS LATE AT NIGHT ...
HE'S HERE ...
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ガチャ
WH... WHO IS IT?
NOW I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT OTHER PERSON.
WELL, I WASN'T EXPECTING ANYTHING FROM THE START
THE IDIOT WHO LAID HIS HANDS ON RITSUKO ...
HE CAME EARLIER THAN I THOUGHT HE WOULD.
WAS IT YOU?
ガラ...
EHH?
EH...

ドガッ
TOUCHIN' ANOTHER MAN'S WOMAN...
HOW'RE YOU GONNA TAKE RESPONSIBILITY, HUHHHH!!?

THE MORE FATHER WILL COME TO HIS SENSES.
THE MORE TEPPEI SWINGS HIS FIST,
ドゴッ
ベキャッ

THIS IS THE FINAL PART OF THE BADGER GAME.

EVEN THOUGH WE MADE PLANS TO CORNER THIS GUY TOGETHER...
WHERE THE HELL DID RITSUKO GO?
SPEAKIN' OF WHICH
NO MATTER WHO MY OPPONENT IS.
I WON'T LET ANYONE GET IN MY WAY,
TEPPEI-SAN
RINA-SAN ASKED ME TO DO SOMETHING FOR HER.

HAH!? WHAT HAPPENED TO RITSUKO!?
NOW, I WILL TAKE ONE MORE STEP FORWARD
NOW I SHALL GUIDE YOU TO WHERE RINA -SAN IS.
SO THAT MY GREAT EFFORTS IN BECOMING HAPPY MAY COME TO FRUITION
HIGURASHI NO NAKU KORO NI KAI ~ TSUMIHOROBOSHI ~ 1 END

T/N: KYOUKI-
THIS IS WRITTEN IN KATAKANA SO IT CAN MEAN EITHER "A DANGEROUS WEAPON" OR "MADNESS"

A YOUNG GIRL WITH KYOUKI

IN THE WORLD OF →TSUMIHOROBOSHI-HEN←, ONE OF THE HEROINES, RENA RYUUGUU, HAS BEEN DEPICTED AS THE MAIN CHARACTER.
THE YOUNG GIRL NAMED RENA IS A CHARACTER THAT CLEARLY PERSONIFIES THE WORLD VIEW OF →HIGURASHI←, WHOSE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE DEPENDS ON THE KIND OF EMERGENCY.
I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS PROBABLY NO OTHER PERSON THAT CAN REPRESENT →HIGURASHI←.
THE YOUNG WOMAN NAMED RENA TRULY THINKS ABOUT MANY VARIOUS THINGS. ON TOP OF THINKING SERIOUSLY ABOUT MANY VARIOUS THINGS, SHE PERSONALLY CREATES A PERSONA THAT ACTS AS IF SHE DOESN'T HAVE A CARE IN THE WORLD. SINCE SHE'S THAT KIND OF GIRL, OTHER PEOPLE, AS WELL AS MYSELF, THINK OF HER AS SOMEONE WHO, ON TOP OF THINKING SERIOUSLY AND SURPASSING HER WORRIES, IS CREATING A NEW PRESENT SELF.
AS FOR THE IMPORTANCE OF THAT, IN THE ORIGINAL WORK, KEIICHI THINKS THAT RENA SEEMS TO BE IRRESPONSIBLY OPTIMISTIC AND ENVIES HER, BUT WONDERS HOW MUCH SHE'S HURT AND TO WHAT EXTENT SHE'LL ALLOW ANYONE TO UNDERSTAND HER.
I THINK THE REASON WHY RENA IS THE ONE THAT IS DRAWN MOST IN →HIGURASHI← ILLUSTRATIONS IS BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT SHE PERSONIFIES →HIGURASHI←.
WHEN SHE DOES, RENA HAS HER SYMBOLIC ITEM, A →MACHETE←, WHICH SHE ALWAYS CARRIES WITHOUT FAIL. IF YOU TRY TO READ THE ORIGINAL WORK DILIGENTLY, IN SHOCKING SCENES, SHE'S USUALLY CARRYING A MACHETE, BUT IF YOU LOOK AT IT GENERALLY, IT'S NOT AN ITEM THAT APPEARS THAT MUCH. SINCE SHE'S ALWAYS CARRYING A MACHETE IN ILLUSTRATIONS, IT PROBABLY GIVES OFF THE IMPRESSION THAT SHE CARRIES IT AND WALKS WITH IT EVERYDAY.
INCIDENTALLY, A →MACHETE← IS A →KYOUKI← (DANGEROUS WEAPON).
→KYOUKI← (DANGEROUS WEAPON) IS KYOUKI, WHICH CONNECTS TO →KYOUKI← (MADNESS).
→KYOUKI← THAT AN ORDINARY YOUNG GIRL CARRIES.
AND BECAUSE RENA CARRIES A MACHETE, IT IMPLIES THAT THERE'S MADNESS LURKING IN HER ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS.
...THEN, WHEN THIS MADNESS DISAPPEARS, WILL THE WORLD REPLACE IT WITH HARMONIOUS PEACE...?
RENA IS DRAWN ON THE COVER OF THE FINAL ARC OF THE ORIGINAL WORK, →MATSURIBAYASHI-HEN←, BUT SHE HAS NOTHING IN EITHER HAND, SO HER KYOUKI (WEAPON) ISN'T DRAWN.
...KYOUKI (WEAPON) CONNECTS TO KYOUKI (MADNESS).
...WON'T YOU REPLACE THE KYOUKI IN YOUR POCKET...?

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TSUMIHOROBOSHI VOLUME 1, THANK YOU TO THOSE THAT GAVE ME A HAND. I'M REALLY HAPPY THAT I WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF THE MANGA VERSION OF [TSUMIHOROBOSHI-HEN], WHICH IS SAID TO BE THE HOTTEST ARC FROM THE ORIGINAL WORK. KANAKANAKANAKANATANATANATANATATATATATATA... BEING DEEPLY MOVED BY THE ORIGINAL WORK MYSELF, I TRIED MY BEST TO CONVEY THIS FEELING, TO EVERYONE THROUGH MANGA. TSUMIHOROBOSHI-HEN IS GETTING HOTTER AND HOTTER, SO IF YOU DON'T MIND, PLEASE ENJOY THE NEXT VOLUME...!

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AND YOU!

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竜宮レナは運命と戦った。そして打ち勝った!!
RENA RYUUGUU STRUGGLED AGAINST HER FATE, AND SHE HAS OVERCOME IT!!
……だって、レナは泣いているじゃないか!!
...BUT RENA, AREN'T YOU CRYING!!?
THE WAY I DIE HAS BEEN DECIDED. BURNT BLACK AND MUTILATED---.
私の死に方が決まったわ。黒コゲのバラバラ―。
竜宮礼奈さんにお話があります。
I NEED TO HAVE A TALK WITH RENA RYUUGUU---.
IF THEY KNEW ABOUT THIS RESEARCH, THEN I MIGHT DISAPPEAR *GIGGLE GIGGLE*...
この研究が連中に知れたら、消されてしまうわね、くすくすくす…。

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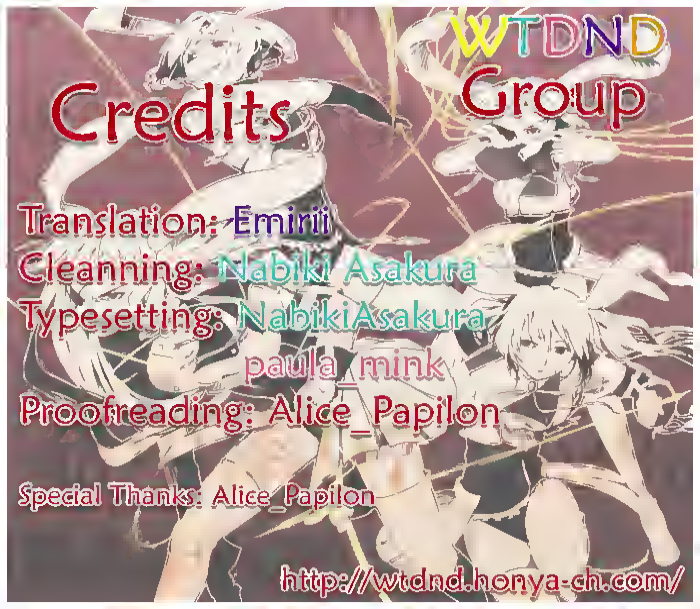
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